

# The History of Ukraine



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This book provides an in-depth study of Ukraine's turbulent history. Ukraine's struggle for a national identity plagued this former Soviet Union state long before the Cold War shook the world. Its central location between Eastern Europe and Western Asia invited many different cultures to settle the land, ultimately populating a powerful early medieval society known as Kievan Rus. However, readers will learn how Kievan Rus' Golden Age quickly crumbled with decades of Mongol invasions, Polish-Lithuanian occupation, and Russian empirical ruling. Explore how Ukraine flirted with independence in the early 20th century, only to be quickly taken over by harsh Soviet rule in 1922. Despite its independence from the USSR in 1991, devastating consequences of the socialist rule have allowed the world to witness Ukraine's ceaseless efforts to attain a stable government, struggling through the poisoning of Viktor Yushchenko, rigged elections, and the Orange Revolution. The author's survey is comprehensive and concise - a perfect resource for students, as well as general readers looking to further their knowledge of this up-and-coming nation. A timeline of key events, biographical sketches of major figures in Ukrainian history, and a bibliographical essay including print and non-print sources supplement the work.

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