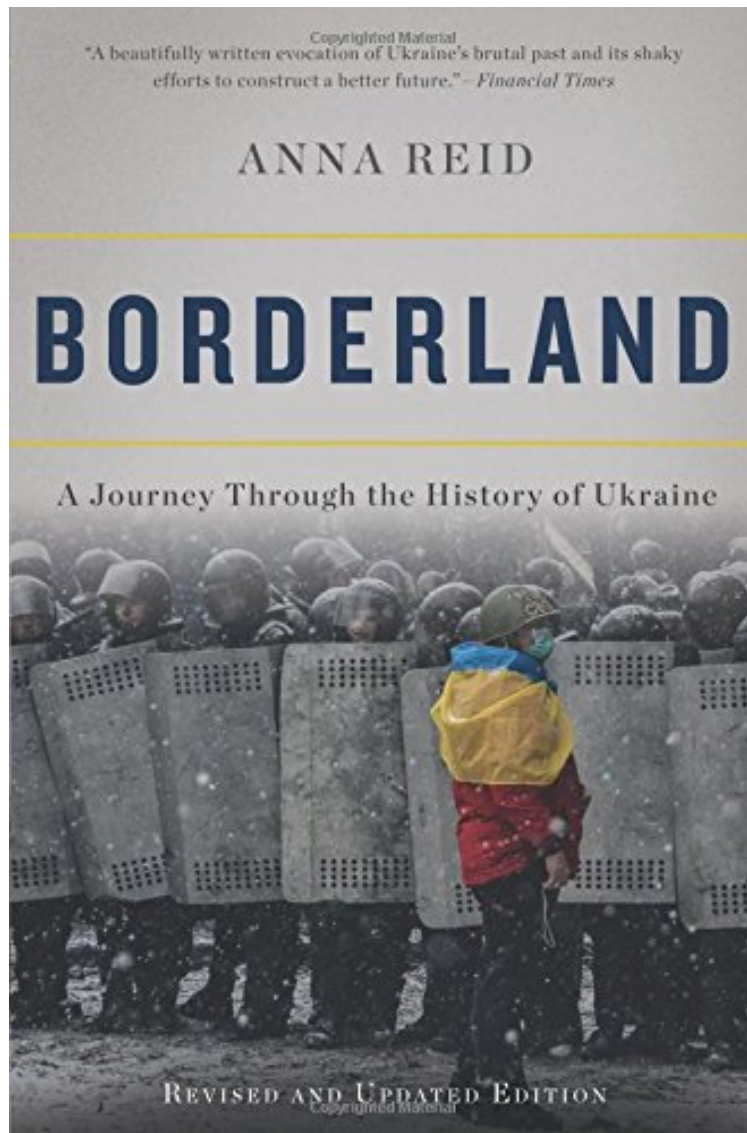


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**Anna Reid : Borderland: A Journey Through the History of Ukraine** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Borderland: A Journey Through the History of Ukraine:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Ukraine: a land on the border of Central Europe By archintoanzil It is a simple book concerned with history of modern Ukraine more than with Kievan Rusj. The country with today's borders is still the largest country in Europe outside Russia and it's difficult to review and analyze such a large country

with disparate regions each with their own history and cultural past. It is a very good book when it comes to the last 150 years and especially to the post-independence time. It makes it easier to understand what happened and what is happening in the second decade of the twenty-first century. I think the book would be a good reading for the interested public at large but particularly for the diplomats who may tackle a difficult problem without much background knowledge of the country. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. For the general reader  
By William De Stefano  
This book provides a decent overview, but was not as developed as I had expected, a bit too conversational and breezy, lacking necessary depth. Thus, the author leaves the geographical space of what constitutes "Ukraine" too vague. National boundaries are especially political here in this crossover region through which various ethnicities have passed, co-mingled and settled, but have too often lived in conflict, as is happening here now. That Ukraine is a Borderland is suggested by the title, but the book's discussion falls short conceptually. While readers will gain some understanding of the area's history, they will not be engaged to think about the more complex issues affecting this culturally rich but troubled country. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very informative, and well written. There was a lot I didn't know about the Ukraine. Some parts were unsettling, but it was expected.

Borderland tells the story of Ukraine. A thousand years ago it was the center of the first great Slav civilization, Kievan Rus. In 1240, the Mongols invaded from the east, and for the next seven centuries, Ukraine was split between warring neighbors: Lithuanians, Poles, Russians, Austrians, and Tatars. Again and again, borderland turned into battlefield: during the Cossack risings of the seventeenth century, Russia's wars with Sweden in the eighteenth, the Civil War of 1918–1920, and under Nazi occupation. Ukraine finally won independence in 1991, with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Bigger than France and as populous as Britain, it has the potential to become one of the most powerful states in Europe. In this finely written and penetrating book, Anna Reid combines research and her own experiences to chart Ukraine's tragic past. Talking to peasants and politicians, rabbis and racketeers, dissidents and paramilitaries, survivors of Stalin's famine and of Nazi labor camps, she reveals the layers of myth and propaganda that wrap this divided land. From the Polish churches of Lviv to the coal mines of the Russian-speaking Donbass, from the Galician shtetlekh to the Tatar shantytowns of Crimea, the book explores Ukraine's struggle to build itself a national identity, and identity that faces up to a bloody past, and embraces all the peoples within its borders.

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