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Peter Zalmayev is the director of the Eurasia Democracy Initiative, a New York-based NGO, a blogger, and host on Ukraine's Pryamy TV channel. Zalmayev has been a frequent commentator on Ukraine and Russia in leading international broadcast media, including the BBC, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, MSN-BC, and Al Jazeera, as well as major Ukrainian media outlets.

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Eugenia Kuznetsova is an author, translator, and researcher. She was born and spent her childhood in the village of Khomyntsi in central Ukraine. After graduating Kyiv National University, she received her PhD in literary analysis in Spain. Now, Eugenia works in media research, focusing on conflict-sensitive reporting and countering disinformation.

BOHDAN LOGVYENKO

Bohdan Logvynenko, born in 1988 in Kyiv, is a writer, journalist, TV presenter, literary critic, editor, and public figure. He pursued a degree in Chemistry at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy before earning a degree from the Kyiv University of Theater, Cinema, and Television named after Karpenko-Karyi. Since 2015, he has contributed to numerous prominent print and television media outlets.

YULIYA MUSAKOVSKA

Yuliya Musakovska was born in 1982 in Lviv, Ukraine. She is an award-winning poet and translator. She is the author of five Ukrainian poetry collections and a bilingual collection, in Ukrainian and Polish, translated by Aneta Kaminska.

YULIYA "TAIRA" PAIEVSKA

Yuliya "Taira" Paievskaya, born in 1968, is a Ukrainian designer, athlete, and founder of the volunteer ambulance corps "Taira's Angels" during Russia's war in Ukraine. She became a symbol of bravery and sacrifice after being captured by Russian soldiers on March 16, 2022, while on her way to treat the wounded during the Mariupol theatre airstrike and was later released on June 17, 2022.

IHOR POMERANTSEV

Ihor Pomerantsev, born in 1948 in Saratov, USSR, spent his formative years living and studying in Ukraine's Chernivtsi and Kyiv. Forced into political exile in 1978, Pomerantsev has since become a prolific writer in the Russian language. With over a dozen published books of poetry, prose, and essays, his work has been widely read in Europe.

MARIANA PROKHASKO

Mariana Prokhasko is an author and illustrator of children's books. Her trilogy about moles, created in collaboration with Taras Prokhasko, has been published in translation in Latvia, Slovakia, South Korea, and China. *Who Will Make the Snow?*, the first book in the trilogy, won the BBC Book of the Year award in 2013 and was included in The White Ravens catalog.

VALERIY PUZIK

Valeriy Puzik is an artist-designer by education. Previously, he worked as a journalist. In January 2015, he went to the front as a volunteer and took part in combat operations in Donbas as part of the Right Sector battalion of the Ukrainian Volunteer Corps. Puzik has been a participant of fine arts and graphics exhibitions in Ukraine and abroad.

VOLODYMYR RAFEYENKO

Volodymyr Rafeyenko is a writer, poet, literary critic, essayist, and member of PEN Ukraine. Born and raised in Donetsk, he initially communicated solely in Russian for the first 45 years of his life. However, following the occupation of Donetsk by Russian militants in 2014, he relocated to Kyiv, where he made it his mission to learn the Ukrainian language at a level of proficiency that would enable him to produce works of art in that language.

MARJANA SAVKA

Marjana Savka is a prominent figure in the Ukrainian literary world, serving as a publisher, writer, co-owner, and editor-in-chief at The Old Lion Publishing House since 2001. She has published 22 books, primarily consisting of poetry for both adults and children.

IRYNA TSILYK

Iryna Tsilyk, born in 1982 in Kyiv, is a film director, writer, and screenwriter. She is the director of the award-winning documentary film *The Earth Is Blue As an Orange*. In addition to filmmaking, Tsilyk is the author of eight poetry, prose, and children's books.

SOFIA ANDRUKHOVYCH

Sofia Andrukhovych, born in 1982, is a renowned writer hailing from the western Ukrainian city of Ivano-Frankivsk. Her body of work includes three books of short stories, three novels, essays, and even a children's book.

ARTEM CHAPEYE

An author of both creative non-fiction and popular fiction, Artem Chapeye has authored four novels and four books of creative non-fiction. He is also the co-author of a book of war reportage. He is a four-time finalist of BBC Ukraine's Book of the Year Award, and his recent collection *The Ukraine* was one of three finalists in the award's new nonfiction category in 2018.

ARTEM CHEKH

Artem Chekh, born in 1985, has led a diverse career. While he graduated from the National Academy of Culture and Arts Management in Kyiv with a degree in Sociology, he has worked in a range of professions including acting, working as a guard, a copywriter, and even as a senior rifleman and gunner for an armored troop-carrier in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Despite his varied background, Chekh has become a prolific author, having written more than ten prose and non-fiction books.

IRYNA FINGEROVA

Iryna Fingerova was born in Odesa and graduated from Odesa National Medical University. In 2018, she made the move to Germany where she currently resides and works. Fingerova is an accomplished author who has written several notable works.