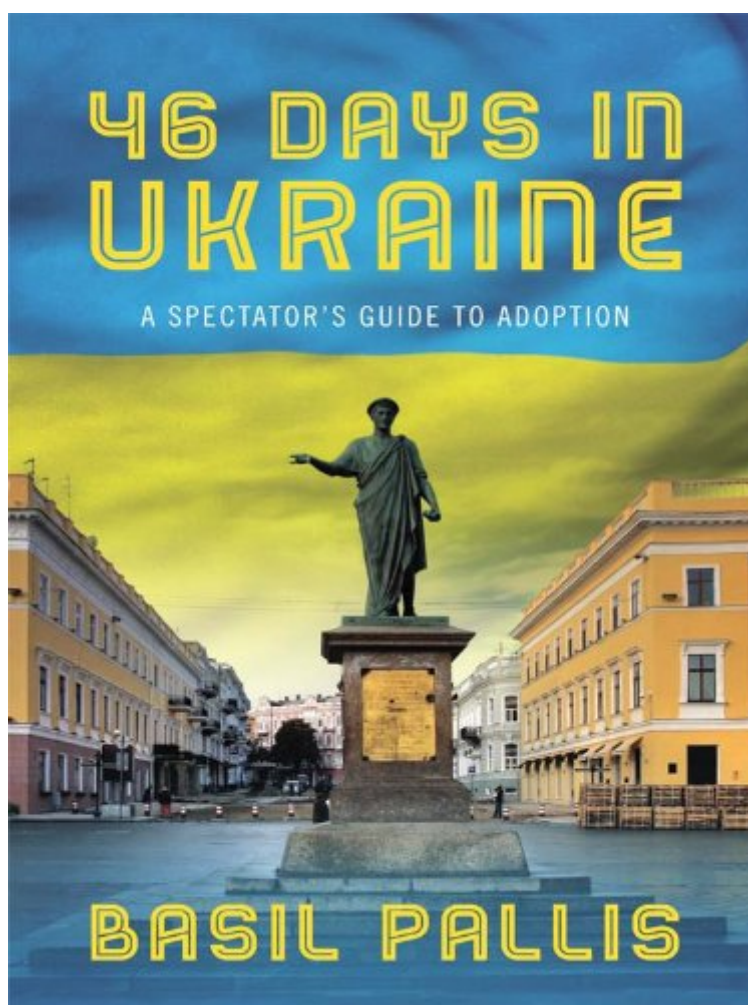


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# 46 Days In Ukraine: A Spectator's Guide To Adoption



## Synopsis

"Its no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense" (Mark Twain)A real life story of American couple returning to Ukraine in an attempt to finalize the adoption of three orphaned children. To do so, they must traverse a bizarre labyrinth of government bureaucracy, confront obstacles man made and otherwise and contend with the all peculiarities of living in a strange land. Served up as a travelogue, tragedy meets comedy in a head-on collision. A heartwarming tale, best enjoyed from the comfort and safety of your own couch.

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This is the story of a world few of us know. A story of children waiting to be adopted , of parents whose resilience is being tested, of a system that discourages more than it rewards, of strangers who become friends and of fate that sometimes has a way for history to repeat itself. It is a story about children and parents that ends well, and that is the way it should be. I thoroughly enjoyed it . For parents waiting to adopt, this is an encouraging tale that also brushes on how life changing the

experience is .

The author Basil Pallis and his wife Rita embark on a five year road of fostering, then adopting three children from Ukraine. Their journey is not for the faint of heart. The Ukraine adoption process is a quagmire - stupefyingly slow and mired in mountains of red tape. Through it all, Pallis tells a riveting and humorous story. The pages turn and I finished this book in one sitting. This heartwarming tale of their ups/downs and the helpful team of people from Ukraine who, finally, help the Pallis' bring their munchkins home is a must read for anyone considering adoption in Ukraine!

This story was very interesting. This couple worked so hard to have their family. I could feel the disappointment myself every time an adoption did not work out or there was yet another obstacle to the adoption that did work. I want to learn more about the transition the children went through as well as the parents after they were all settled in as a new family. I also enjoyed Basil's observations in cultural differences. I enjoyed this book.

Enjoyed this book; it really held my interest. Nice to read a good story that actually happened instead of fiction. You worry that things will go wrong for Rita & Basil yet again and wonder how they managed to keep going. I wish more people would chose adoption.

Great book. Very well written. Does not insult the culture of Ukraine like a lot of other adoption books. Author has a great sense of humor. I enjoyed reading this.

Have read it twice! Hilarious and moving story of adoption in Ukraine. He makes all the twists and turns into entertainment!

would recomend to everyone, a really good true story, you will laugh and cry and I would say everyone should read

This is a wonderful book. It is the first-hand account of an American couple's trials and tribulations adopting in the Ukraine. It is part travel log, part diary, and part love story--but most of all, a story of the triumph of the human spirit. The 49 days in the title are the final part of the much longer saga of Basil and Rita's entire Ukrainian adoption process. The story is told with wit and charm, in the style of the best travel writing. Right up there with the travel writing of John Steinbeck and Lawrence

Durrell. This is not your average "here's what happened to me" book. It's also a real page turner. Setback after setback, fighting blizzards and bureaucracy, Basil and Rita keep jumping up and dusting themselves off--until the next chapter, when another unforeseen calamity awaits them. Their patience and persistence are tried again and again, making the final victory so sweet. There are places in the story that remind me of the old Saturday morning serials at the movies. At the end of one episode, the hero has surely fallen off the cliff. But wait! The next episode reveals that at the last second he was able to grab ahold of a small bush. He didn't fall after all! Part of the charm of the book is the author's infectious sense of humor, always finding something to be amused with at even the most trying of times. There are indeed many "funny parts." But there is much to be absorbed as well--besides learning about the arcane Ukrainian adoption process. The descriptions of the city of Odessa for example, are full of vivid images and juicy historical tidbits. This slim volume is a great read. I am delighted to recommend "49 Days in the Ukraine" to any lover of a good story well told.

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