Language Note

Transliterated terms and phrases are from Ukrainian except where otherwise noted. Ukrainian terms and phrases are transliterated using Library of Congress conventions, except in two cases. First, when an accepted spelling already exists (i.e., Kyiv, Zelensky), I use this spelling. Second, while the letters е (ie), ї (ï), ю (iu), or я (ia) begin a word or name, I use the following: ye, yi, yu, or ya. Following the first exception, many names that appear often in the text use this spelling (i.e., Yanukovych instead of Ianukovych; Yevropa instead of Ievropa [Europe]) to lend them more cleanly to an English transliteration.

All translations from the Ukrainian are my own, except where otherwise noted.

The names used in the text are pseudonyms, except in two cases, which are noted. Throughout the book, I typically use diminutive forms of names (i.e., Tonya instead of Antonina), as these are more common and more accurately reflect people’s everyday communication styles.
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