

Reference Compendium:

Books and Films Kidnapping and Forcible Transfer of Ukrainian Children Compiled
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FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

FRONTLINE — *Children of Ukraine* (2024)

Director: Paul Kenyon

Distributor: PBS Distribution

Runtime: 54m21s

Genre: Investigative documentary

Age Level: Upper high school–adult

Identifier / Release Info: Streaming only (PBS) — No physical release found as of Nov 2025

Link: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/documentary/children-of-ukraine/>

Ukraine's Stolen Children (2023)

Director: Shahida Tulaganova

Distributor: Journeyman / ITV

Runtime: 60 min

Genre: Investigative documentary

Age Level: High school–adult

Identifier / Release Info: Streaming only (Journeyman/ITV) — No physical release found as of Nov 2025

Link: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt29607542/>

Children in the Fire (2025)

Director: Evgeny Afineevsky

Studio: Creative Visions Foundation

Runtime: 108 min. Documentary blending animation and live-action; premiered at Raindance (UK) & Odesa IFF (Ukraine)

Genre: Documentary (hybrid animation/live footage)

Age Level: Upper high school–adult

Identifier / Release Info: Streaming only — No physical release found as of Nov 2025

Link: <http://www.childreninthefire.com/>

BOOKS — FICTION & NON-FICTION

Before They're Gone (2025)

Author: E. A. McCarthy

Publisher: Indie Press

ISBN: 979-8289017604

Genre: Historical Fiction

Age Level: Adult / older teen

Link: <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FJMQ14XP>

Under Attack (Kidnapped from Ukraine #1) (2025)

Author: Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Publisher: Scholastic Press

ISBN: 978-1546104513

Genre: Historical Fiction

Age Level: Middle school

Link:

<http://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/books/kidnapped-from-ukraine-1-under-attack-9781546104513.html>

Standoff (Kidnapped from Ukraine #2) (2025)

Author: Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Publisher: Scholastic Press

ISBN: 978-1546104544

Genre: Historical Fiction

Age Level: Middle school

Link:

<http://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/books/kidnapped-from-ukraine-2-standoff-9781546104544.html>

Still Alive (Kidnapped from Ukraine #3) (Expected 2026)

Author: Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Publisher: Scholastic Press

ISBN: 978-1546104575

Genre: Historical Fiction

Age Level: Middle school

Link: Not yet published

You Don't Know What War Is: The Diary of a Young Girl from Ukraine (2022)

Author: Yeva Skalietska

Publisher: Bloomsbury / Union Square

ISBN: 978-1526659934

Genre: Juvenile Nonfiction / Diary

Age Level: Middle school

Link: <http://www.bloomsbury.com/in/you-dont-know-what-war-is-9781526659934/>

The Stolen Children: How Russia Attempts to Kidnap Ukraine's Future (2023)

Author: Tetiana Fedosiuk

Publisher: ICDS

ISBN: 978-9916-709-06-1 (print), 978-9916-709-07-8 (PDF)

Genre: Policy analysis / Monograph

Age Level: Adult / academic

Link:

<http://icds.ee/en/the-stolen-children-how-russia-attempts-to-kidnap-ukraines-future/>

Stolen Youth (2024)

Author: Straightforward Foundation

ISBN: 978-1637356429

Genre: Journalistic Anthology

Age Level: Upper high school–adult

Link: <http://www.straightforward.foundation/books/stolen-youth>

Gestohlene Leben (*Stolen Lives: The Kidnapped Children of Ukraine*) (2023)

Author(s): Wladimir Klitschko, Tatjana Kiel

Publisher: Heyne Verlag, Germany

ISBN: 978-3-453-21868-0

Language: German only (no English edition as of Nov 2025)

Genre: Nonfiction / Testimonies / Interviews

Age Level: Adult

Link:

<http://www.penguin.de/buecher/wladimir-klitschko-gestohlene-leben/buch/9783453218680>