

Ukrainian-Canadian Family Launches Kickstarter for Children's Picture Book on Migration and Family Traditions

Nanaimo, British Columbia Jun 12, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - *The Tale of Strong Roots* is a gentle, heartfelt children's picture book inspired by one family's real journey from Ukraine to Canada. Written by Ukrainian grandmother *Valentyna Miliohlova*, the book draws on family traditions and stories that helped her granddaughters feel safe and connected while starting over far from home.

The project was created after Valentyna and her family were forced to flee Ukraine due to war. Now living on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, her daughter and granddaughters are working together to bring this meaningful story to life through their first-ever Kickstarter campaign.

The story follows Mariyka, a young girl navigating life in a new country. While everything around her feels unfamiliar, her grandmother shares stories passed down through generations — helping her find strength, belonging, and invisible roots that stay with her, no matter where life takes her.

"When you leave your home behind, you realize that home lives inside you — in stories, in traditions, and in the love of your family. That's what I wanted to give my granddaughters, and every child starting over."

— Valentyna Miliohlova, author

About the Book

- Written by a Ukrainian grandmother for her granddaughters — and for every child who misses home
- Inspired by real migration experience and Ukrainian village traditions
- Gentle story about identity, family, and resilience
Two language editions: Ukrainian and English
- Durable 7" x 7" cardboard picture book (24 full-color pages)
- The first title in the *Tales with Strong Roots* series

About the Family

- Author: Valentyna Miliohlova — Ukrainian grandmother and storyteller
- Producer: Liubov — daughter, mother of three, and family publisher
Inspired by: three granddaughters now growing their roots in Canada
- Created by: Maple Deer Entertainment — a family-run creative studio on Vancouver Island

Kickstarter Campaign Details

- Campaign live until July 10, 2025
- Exclusive rewards: limited edition books, postcards, stickers, handmade family gifts, printed supporter names, and more

PRESS KIT & VISUAL MATERIALS

- Press kit available:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fZKttG7yn8jyr59RChtD9KD7kHZ2F5Si?usp=sharing>

- Includes: high-res cover, illustrations, author photos, family story, logos, teaser video (YouTube link)

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Kickstarter: *The Tale of Strong Roots — From Ukrainian Baba with Love*

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/mapledeer/the-tale-of-strong-roots-from-ukrainian-baba-with-love>

This book carries not only words, but invisible roots — quiet strength for every child starting over.

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