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A DUAL HERITAGE WITH SPECIAL

People who are half-Ukrainian, half-Russian caught in middle

By Angie Leventis Lourgos | Chicago Tribune

Draped in a Ukrainian flag, Vasily Bublikov marched during a recent downtown Chicago demonstration marking 1,000 days since Russia's full-scale invasion, an unprovoked attack that pit the two nations of his heritage against one another in a

Above: Vasily Bublikov and his wife, Veronika Markova, make tea after dinner as their two children, Eugene, 11, and

three years old, not only every day but also when they are together.

Q: What have you learned about yourself from the places you've visited?
A: Even if the scenery changes and the space remains the same.

Q: Do you have any upcoming trips?

Q: If you could pick only one place to eat, would you prefer a food truck or fine dining?
A: I love food trucks, but I would choose a high-end restaurant. There is no reason not to. And sometimes I just want to sit in a

Q: Did you write any of "I Decided to Live as Me" while you were traveling?
A: Not really. Usually, when I start writing a book, I don't leave my house. But travel inspires a lot of the book, because when you go on a trip, you realize things that you couldn't when stuck in your daily life.

Q: How do you separate work from vacation trips?
A: There doesn't seem to be a clear distinction. I need to be at my desk all day. Rather, I spend a lot of time in a state where I can write what I want to write. For me, vacation is a time to get into that state.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?
A: When I go on vacation abroad, I like to visit Italy and Japan. The weather is nice in the spring and fall, beautiful scenery and friendly people.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?
A: On nice days, I like to relax in a place like the Han River park (in Seoul) not far from my house.

Q: Do you go away for the holidays?
A: I stay home on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. On big days, you want to celebrate at home.

Q: Are you good at languages?
A: I'm not. I think I'm surrounded by too much Korean in my language world.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been?
A: Hawaii.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?
A: Cellphone, passport, wallet. And anything you can write with. As long as you have these with you, you can go anywhere.

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?
A: When I travel alone, I just decide on a route. I use travel as a time to organize my thoughts. Walking, thinking and writing don't require much research about your destination.

CELEBRITY TRAVEL Vacation is prep time for writer

By Jae-Ha Kim
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Kim Suhyun's bestselling book "I Decided to Live as Me" (Penguin Life) reminds readers about the importance of self-care and self-love. The Seoul-based writer said reviews and word-of-mouth recommendations picked her interest. She also took for spiking interest in her book for the pop star who receives a lot of attention. I think he may need the reminder of finding balance in the expectations of those around him," Kim said. "I hope there was a message in the book that helped him. I don't know if the book (helped), but he seems to be doing very well."

This interview was conducted in Korean and translated into English. It has been edited for clarity and length.



Author Kim Suhyun says Japan and Italy are two of her favorite overseas destinations. KIM SUHYUN

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comfortable chair and eat leisurely.

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