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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to Boris Nemtsov – a brave man and a true Russian patriot who dared to challenge the ruthless dictatorship of Putin.

R.I.P. Boris!

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

You may wonder why I chose to write this book under the pseudonym *Bacillus Bulgaricus*?! Am I afraid of the long hand of Putin's sinister security services?! If heroes such as Nadya Savchenko and Oleh Sentsov are in Russian prisons and they are still standing with their heads up, how can I dare to be afraid and to stay silent when I live thousands of kilometers away from Russia?! Hell, no!

I decided to use this pseudonym for two main reasons. First, I am a Bulgarian politician but I want to express my personal opinion and disgust with Putin's regime and thus, my views are not representing the official Bulgarian government position. The second reason is related to the popular Russian propaganda which is still claiming that all Bulgarians are staunch Russophiles who worship everything and everybody coming from Russia, including of course not only Dostoevsky, Tolstoy and Tchaikovsky but also Lenin, Stalin, and Putin. That's why I chose the penname *Bacillus Bulgaricus* – after the name of the bacterium used for the production of yogurt to prove that not all Bulgarians are Russian bootlickers. Unlike the lactose-eating bacteria, however, I, the author *Bacillus Bulgaricus*, don't want to turn milk into yogurt but rather prefer to turn the ridiculous Russian nationalist propaganda and cult to Putin into a funny satire based on Alexander Pushkin's fairy tale in verse "The Tale of the Fisherman and the Fish". Hopefully,

my modern interpretation of the tale will inspire many free-thinking people in Russia and around the world to question the legitimacy of Russian nationalistic myths which justify the occupation of Ukrainian and Georgian territories and the imprisonment of innocent critics of Putin's regime. So, am I a Russophobe?! Not really, but I am definitely a Putinophobe!