



The History of Winnie-the-Pooh

Who is Winnie-the-Pooh?

Winnie-the-Pooh is a well-loved teddy bear that was created by Alan Alexander Milne – or A. A. Milne as he is known.

A. A. Milne wrote stories about Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends for his son, Christopher Robin, after he heard Christopher use voices for his toys while playing with them. A. A. Milne named the boy in the book Christopher Robin too!



In the Beginning

At first, the teddy bear that Christopher had was called Edward.

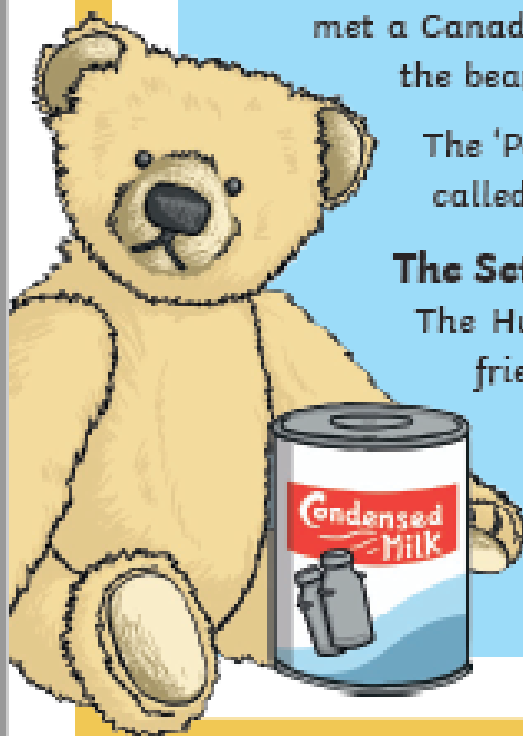
After a visit to the zoo, where A. A. Milne and Christopher met a Canadian black bear called Winnie, he named the bear in his story Winnie too.

The 'Pooh' part of the name came from a swan called Pooh that Milne had met on holiday!

The Setting

The Hundred Acre Wood, where Pooh and his friends live, is from a real place called Ashdown Forest in Sussex.

Christopher Milne remembers going for walks in the forest and he and his father would count the pine trees.



1. Who wrote the stories about Winnie-the-Pooh?



2. What happened that made him want to write them?

3. How did he choose the name of the boy in the stories?

4. How did Winnie-the-Pooh get his name?

5. Where did the author get the idea of where to set his story?



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all

ball

call

walk

talk

always

fall

small

also

bald

Can you find your spellings hiding in the text below? Underline each word as you find it.

Yesterday, my family went to the beach. We all love the seaside, and we always build huge sandcastles. Dad unpacked the car and we got out our towels and the beach ball. As we got onto the sand, Dad said he wanted to go for a walk. I went with him. We had a look in the rock pools for crabs and small fish. He told me not to slip and fall on the rocks. Dad and I had a lovely talk about things which live in the sea. On our way back, we had to call in at the gift shop for more sun cream as Dad's bald head was very red! After lunch, we played in the sea and also collected shells.