

The History of Winnie-the-Pooh



The Other Animals

The other animals in the Hundred Acre Wood were also toys that Christopher Milne owned. These were Tigger, Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga and Roo. A. A. Milne also wrote about Rabbit and Owl, but these were

from his imagination and not toys that his son had.

The toys which the stories are based on, are now in the New York City Museum in New York, USA. (pictured above).



A. A. Milne wrote Winnie-the-Pooh in 1926, The House at Pooh Corner in 1928 and also two very famous poetry books called Now We Are Six and When We Were Very Young during the 1920s.

A Bear of Very Little Brain

Winnie-the-Pooh, or Pooh Bear as he is usually called, doesn't think he is very clever. In fact, he calls himself a 'Bear of Very Little Brain'.

However, he thinks very hard and he somehow manages to sort out problems without really trying because he has a lot of common sense.

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The Character

Winnie-the-Pooh is a friendly and kind character. He helps others and encourages friends, who don't have much confidence like Piglet, to do things they might not think they can do.

He visits Eeyore and takes him a birthday present, even though Eeyore is quite miserable and not very grateful. Pooh lets Rabbit take the lead, even though he knows he isn't always

right and he listens to Owl talk about everything he knows and doesn't get bored.

Pooh enjoys his snacks and can often be found at one of his friends' houses around that time for a jar of honey or some condensed milk.

He is dependable and loyal, and he thinks up very good poems or 'hums' as he calls them.



His 90th Anniversary

There were two special celebrations in 2016. First, it was 90 years since the stories about Winnie-the-Pooh were written, and second, it was The Queen's 90th birthday!

In celebration, a new Winnie-the-Pooh book was written called 'Winnie-the-Pooh and the Royal Birthday' where Pooh meets the Queen at Buckingham Palace!



The History of Winnie-the-Pooh Questions

Please answer the questions in full sentences.

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?

6. What word does the author use that means AA Milne made up the characters of Owl and Rabbit?

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7. What does Winnie-the-Pooh think about himself?

8. Name two thing that proves Winnie-the-Pooh is a good friend.

9. What does Pooh enjoy doing?

10. Why was the book 'Winnie-the-Pooh and the Royal Birthday' written?

The History of Winnie-the-Pooh **Answers**

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

A. Milne wrote the stories about Winnie-the-Pooh.

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

He wanted to write them after hearing his son invent voices for his toys when he played with them.

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

He chose the name of the boy in the stories by using the same name as his son.

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

Winnie-the-Pooh got his name from when A. A. Milne went to the zoo and saw a black bear called Winnie, and the 'Pooh' part of the name came from a swan called Pooh that he met on holiday.

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

The author got the idea to set his story from a real forest called Ashdown Forest.

6. What word does the author use that means A. A. Milne made up the characters of Owl and Rabbit?

The word the author uses that means A. A. Milne made up the characters of Owl and Rabbit is 'imagination'.

7. What does Winnie-the-Pooh think about himself?

Winnie-the-Pooh thinks he isn't very clever.

8. Name two things that prove Winnie-the-Pooh is a good friend.

Any two of the following: Pooh helps others who don't think they can doing something like Piglet/ visits Eeyore and takes him a birthday present/ lets Rabbit take the lead/ listens to Owl talk about everything he knows.

9. What does Pooh enjoy doing?

Pooh enjoys eating snacks, helping others and thinking up 'hums'.

10. Why was the book 'Winnie-the-Pooh and the Royal Birthday' written?

'Winnie-the-Pooh and the Royal Birthday' was written to celebrate the 90th anniversary since the Winnie-the-Pooh stories were written, and is also The Queen's 90th birthday.