

*ALAN
ALEXANDER
MILNE*

(1882-1956)



Author Biography

A.A.



Milne

Alan Alexander Milne was born January 18, 1882 in London, England.

He graduated from Trinity College in Cambridge, England with a degree in Mathematics.

However, Alan's passion was writing.

Four years after Alan came back from fighting with the British in World War I,

he published his first poem in Vanity Fair called 'Vespers'.

This poem had featured his son Christopher Robin Milne.

In 1924, Milne released a book of poems called '*While We Were Very Young*'.

One of the poems was about a cute little bear who was very chubby. We now know this bear as Winnie-the-Pooh.

Milne wrote *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner* in the mid to late 1920's.

GREATER LONDON COUNCIL

A.A.
MILNE

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Author

lived here

CHRISTOPHE
& ROBIN



THE MILNES' FARMHOUSE IN SUSSEX



Winnie-the-Pooh



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Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, and Tigger are the original toy animals that inspired the children's classics by A. A. Milne. *When We Were Very Young* (1924), *Winnie-the-Pooh* (1926), *Now We Are Six* (1927), and *The House At Pooh Corner* (1928) were first published in England by Methuen Company, Ltd., and in America by E. P. Dutton Company, Inc.

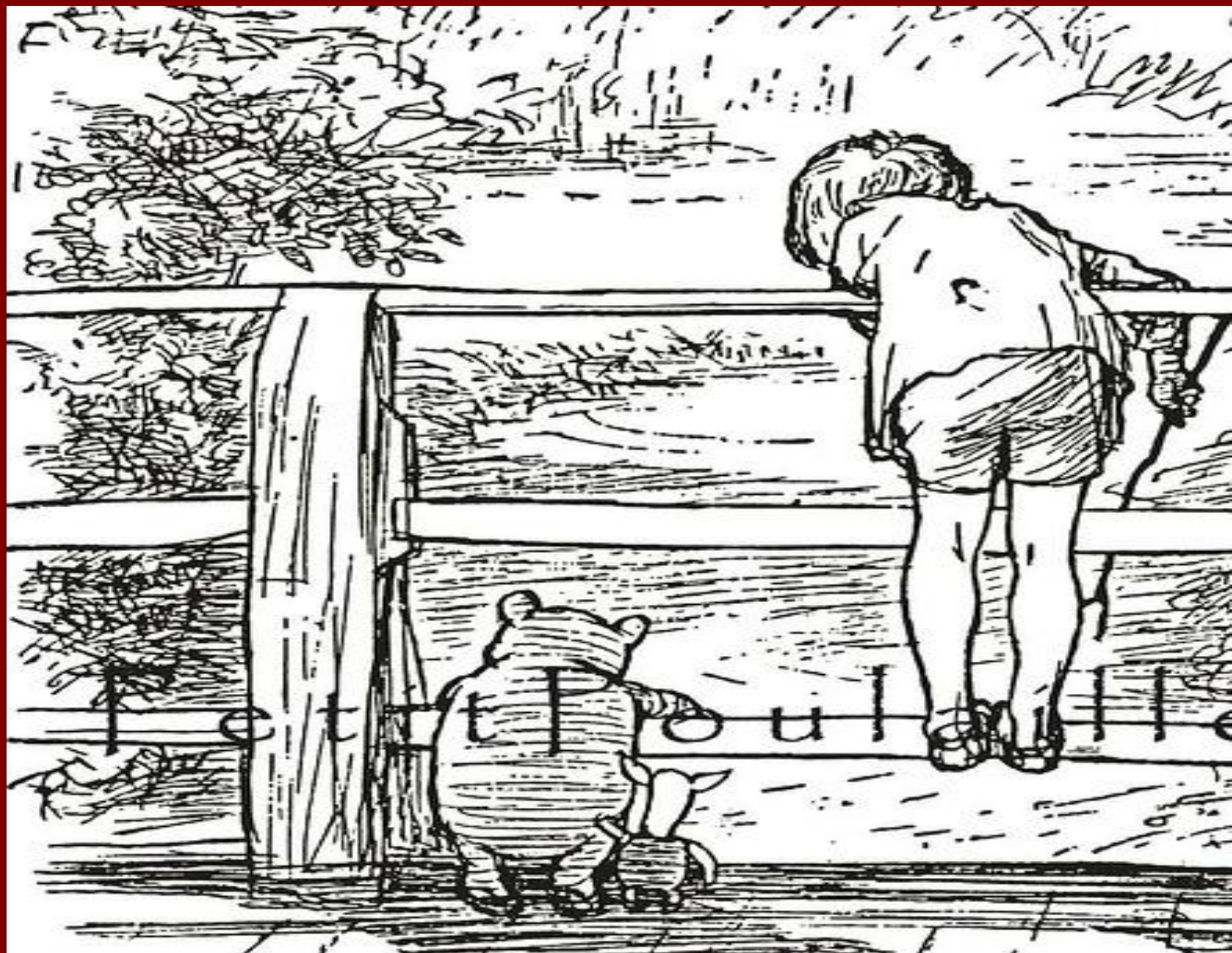
These toys were given to Christopher Robin Milne between 1920 and 1922. Pooh Bear was bought at Harrods in London for Christopher's first birthday. The toys were brought to the United States in 1947 and remained with the American publisher. In 1987, the toys were donated to The New York Public Library. Children and adults from New York City and around the world visit them daily.

THE BRIDGE IN ASHDOWN FOREST



- Ernest Shepard
Made illustrations
to the book
“Winnie-the-Pooh
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ENCHANTER PLACE

SHARPS LUX CAR PARK

QUEENSLAP CAR PARK

FROM HENFIELD

ASHDOWN

FOREST



If I were a bear
with a bear sort of belly

that made it hard
to get up after sitting

and if I had paws
with pads on the ends

and a kind of a tab
where a tail might begin

and a button eye
on each side of my nose

I'd button the flap
of the forest closed.

And when you came
with your wolf and your stick

to the place that once was
the place to get in

you'd simply be
at the edge of the town

and your wolf wouldn't know
a bear was around.

Bear Song



Kay Ryan

read by the poet



THE PLAGUE TO COMMEMORATE A.MILNE AND E.SHEPARD

*"and by and by they came to an enchanted place
on the very top of the Forest called Galleons Lap"*

HERE AT GILLS LAP ARE COMMEMORATED
A·A·MILNE 1882-1956

AND

E·H·SHEPARD 1879-1976
WHO COLLABORATED IN THE CREATION OF
"WINNIE-THE-POOH"
AND SO CAPTURED THE MAGIC
OF ASHDOWN FOREST
AND GAVE IT TO THE WORLD

