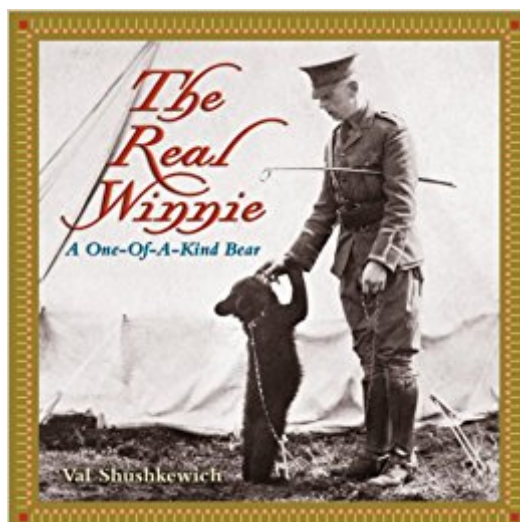


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# The Real Winnie: A One-of-a-Kind Bear



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Charming bear, charming story. Although the book is written for a YA audience, I'm far from a youth, but I enjoyed the story immensely. I didn't know where the stories of Winnie the Pooh came from and once you read "The Real Winnie" you'll love Winnie the Pooh even more, no matter what your age. Mr. Shushkewich also added a few side-bars throughout the book to help place the reader in the history of the time, WWI, and that helped place the story in its time and place.

This tells the real story of Winnie. It is not my first choice of the books available but it is good. I ordered four different books and this was my second choice of the 4..

What an incredible story of how the British Soldier saved the life of a bear. How they became friends and what happened to them both. This story can be told to children to encourage them to be kind to animals as well as adults to share with families. I am glad that this is written down so that future generations can learn about that silly little bear who became known as Winnie-the-Pooh

If you're a big Winnie the Pooh fan, you'll love this story. I am as well as a WW I history fanatic so this book was perfect for my library.

Thank you!

We saw the movie and I saw there was a book. The book has great pictures. It's a great story.

Precious story for Pooh fans.

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