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The House at Pooh Corner

A. A. Milne · *1928 · original English text (Project Gutenberg #73011)*

One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house. It is still snowing. This is the second book of the Forest: a house is built at Pooh Corner for Eeyore, and Tigger comes to breakfast. The hosted text is Milne's original English, 1928, Project Gutenberg #73011, now in the public domain. For grades K–2. Not a later film.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

What do friends do in the Forest when a new animal arrives and when a boy is going away, and how should a school finish this second book without turning the last chapter into a mere goodbye slogan?

"One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house to see what Piglet was doing. It was still snowing as he stumped over the white"

Chapter I, In Which a House Is Built at Pooh Corner for Eeyore

This is the sequel to Winnie-the-Pooh, honestly labeled. Tigger comes to the Forest in this book, not in the first. A house is built for Eeyore. At the end, Christopher Robin is going away, and nobody knows why or where; yet in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his Bear will always be playing. Teach the friendship, and teach the close as Milne wrote it, for grades K–2. Not a later film.

KEY CHARACTERS

Pooh Bear
Who, having nothing else to do, goes to Piglet in the snow

Piglet
The small friend whose house is the first stop

Tigger
New in this second book, not in the first

Eeyore and Christopher Robin
A house is built for the one; the other is going away at the close

NOTHING ELSE TO DO

> *"One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house to see what Piglet was doing. It was still snowing as he stumped over the white"*
>
> Chapter I

Grades K–2
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01 A Walk in the Snow

CHAPTER I

Pooh has nothing else to do, so he goes to Piglet. It is still snowing as he stumps over the white forest track. He expects to find Piglet warming his toes; the day will become a house-building instead.

- The first sentence is exact.
- Chapter I is "In Which a House Is Built at Pooh Corner for Eeyore."
- This is the second book; Winnie-the-Pooh is already mapped. Label the sequel honestly.
- Not a later film. Quote Milne, 1928, PG #73011.

> *"One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house to see what Piglet was doing. It was still snowing as he stumped over the white"*
>
> Chapter I

02 Tigger Comes to Breakfast

CHAPTER II

Tigger arrives in this book. He has breakfast, and the Forest has to learn what Tiggers eat, and what they do not. A school that only knows the first book should say that Tigger is new here.

- Do not import him backward into Winnie-the-Pooh.
- The chapter title in the contents is "In Which Tigger Comes to the Forest and Has Breakfast."
- For grades K–2; the comedy is gentle.
- Quote this file, not a later adaptation.

> *"One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house to see what Piglet was doing. It was still snowing as he stumped over the white"*
>
> Chapter I

03 Friends in the Forest

THE MIDDLE CHAPTERS

A search is organized; Piglet nearly meets the Heffalump again; it is shown that Tiggers don't climb trees. The adventures are play, and they are also loyalty.

- Keep Milne's names and spelling.
- The Forest is a place of friendship, not of mockery.
- Eeyore's house is the book's first kindness.
- Teach the games as games, and the kindness as kindness.

> *"One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house to see what Piglet was doing. It was still snowing as he stumped over the white"*
>
> Chapter I

04 Christopher Robin Was Going Away

THE LAST CHAPTER

Nobody knew why he was going; nobody knew where he was going; indeed, nobody even knew why he knew that Christopher Robin was going away. The close is gentle, and it is serious.

- Quote this as Milne wrote it. Do not soften it into a mere slogan, and do not make it heavier than it is.
- The last chapter's title speaks of an enchanted place, and of leaving them there.
- K–2 can hear a goodbye without a lecture.
- This is the right last page of the two Forest books.

> *"Christopher Robin was going away. Nobody knew why he was going; nobody knew where he was going; indeed, nobody even knew why he knew that"*
>
> The last chapter

05 An Enchanted Place

THE CLOSE

So they went off together. But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his Bear will always be playing.

- The last sentence is exact.
- 1928, now in the public domain in this hosted file. PG #73011.
- Not a later film, and not a merchandise script.
- Teach the friendship as the book's treasure.

> *"But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his Bear will always be"*
>
> The close

Friendship · A House for Eeyore · A New Arrival · Play · A Gentle Goodbye

What to watch for as you read

GRADES K–2

1. The first chapter opens: "One day when Pooh Bear had nothing else to do, he thought he would do something, so he went round to Piglet's house to see what Piglet was doing." It is still snowing.
2. This is the 1928 sequel to Winnie-the-Pooh, PG #73011, now in the public domain. For grades K–2. Not a later film.
3. Tigger comes to the Forest in this book, not in the first. Do not import him backward.
4. Chapter I is "In Which a House Is Built at Pooh Corner for Eeyore."
5. The close: Christopher Robin was going away, and "in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest, a little boy and his Bear will always be playing." Teach it as Milne wrote it.

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