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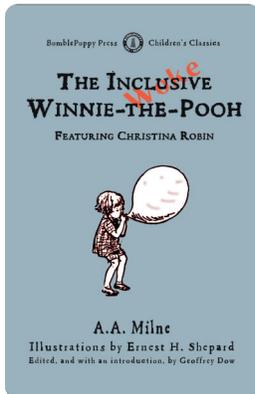
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# The BumblePuppy Press Releases *The Inclusive Winnie-the-Pooh*

## The 100-Acre Wood no longer for boys only

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, DECEMBER 8, 2025 — Publisher Geoffrey Dow has announced that the BumblePuppy Press has entered the world of classic children’s books — with a twist.



Featuring the original illustrations by **E.H. Shepard**, *The Inclusive Winnie-the-Pooh* updates **A.A. Milne’s** classic, *Winnie-the-Pooh*, for an era when male is not the default state of being.

When Dow started reading Milne’s stories to his then two-year old daughter, he was struck by two things. First, those stories were every bit as good as he remembered, and second, that every character but one (Kanga — a mother) was gendered male.

So he decided to switch things up: **Christopher** Robin became **Christina**, and both **Eeyore** and **Piglet** also made the transition from boys to girls.

“Why should a story featuring stuffed toy animals be a boys-only club?” Dow wondered, and then decided that, since the book has fallen into the **public domain** in both Canada and the United States, he would publish it as he had read it to his daughter, so that she would have a copy of the book as it had been read to her.

The result is *The Inclusive Winnie-the-Pooh*, which keeps the wit, the adventure, and the pathos of Milne’s original, while making the stories tales that everyone can relate to.

Geoffrey Dow is a long-time editor and writer. He studied under the late **Judith Merrill** in the 1980s, has written for **CBC Radio**, the *Globe and Mail*, and the magazine *Humanist Perspectives*. He blogs occasionally at [www.ed-rex.com](http://www.ed-rex.com) and about his adventures in fatherhood at [www.papazesser.ca](http://www.papazesser.ca).

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