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Wheeler, Jan C. *A. A. Milne*. ABDO Publishing Company , 2005. ISBN 1591976073. \$21.35.
24 pp.

Reviewer: Jessica Waite

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Biography;

Subject: Winnie-the-Pooh--Juvenile literature; Milne, A.A. 1882-1956--Juvenile Literature;

This short biography highlights the life and works of Milne, the creator of much loved Winnie-the-Pooh, and is filled with the photographs, fast moving narrative, and accurate facts. Wheeler describes Milne's boyhood and early years as a writer, as well as significant events through out his life. The book could be used to introduce primary age children to authors' biographies, to take the concept of research beyond the encyclopedia and to gather information to add to a book report. The vocabulary is simple and when an unknown word is introduced, the reader can easily look it up in the glossary at the end of the book. The photographs make the text all the more interesting. Family photos, personal portraits of Milne and general pictures from the time provide a visual context in which to set Milne's life. This informative biography would be an useful addition to an elementary school or home library.