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## Review of *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh* by Sally M. Walker & Jonathan D. Voss

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*Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh*

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This true, heart-warming story is about how Winnie the Pooh became the bear we all know. Harry, a Canadian soldier in the veterinary unit, found a baby bear, named it Winnipeg (Winnie for short), and raised it in the military during World War I. When his unit moved to England, Winnie came with them. Winnie and Harry loved each other, but Harry had to go to war. He decided to put Winnie in the London Zoo until he could return for her. Winnie, however, stayed in the Zoo for the rest of her life because they could better take care of her than Harry could. Winnie was tame, and children often visited her, including Christopher Robin, the son of an author. Christopher's father wrote a story about Winnie because of his son's love for the bear. The story captures the love between a man and an animal and the joy that animals can bring to life. It also tells the story of one of the most famous bears in the world in a way that children will understand and want to read more about. The illustrations fit with the story and are playful. The book also contains historical photos of Harry, Winnie, and Christopher Robin. Highly recommended

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