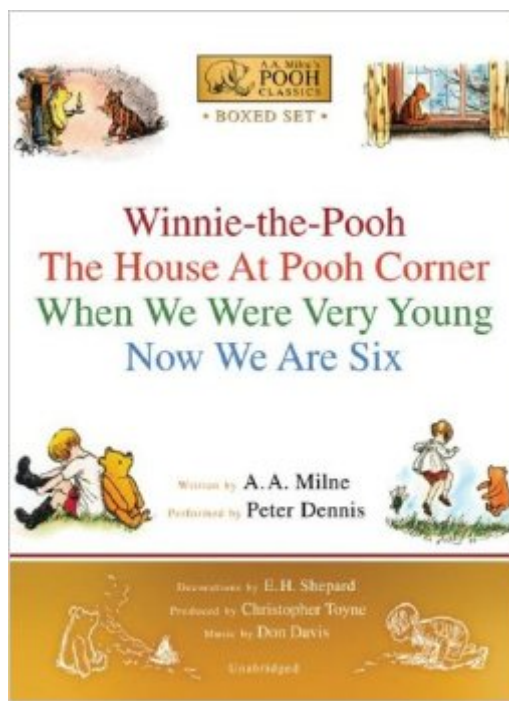


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A. A. Milne's Pooh Classics Boxed Set



Synopsis

Blackstone Audio presents, from the unabridged collection "A. A. Milne's Pooh Classics," the ten stories of Winnie-the-Pooh, performed by Peter Dennis. This is the only reading of these immortal stories authorized by A. A. Milne's son, Christopher Robin. This audio set includes the ten stories of Winnie-the-Pooh, the ten stories of The House at Pooh Corner, the forty-four poems of When We Were Very Young, and the thirty-five poems of Now We Are Six.

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

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Customer Reviews

A few years ago we inherited an audio cassette version of "The House on Pooh Corner" read by Charles Kuralt. My husband and I enjoyed it so much that I got onto and started researching audio versions of the complete Pooh collection. I finally settled on this set, read by Peter Dennis. I won't lie, after growing up with the Disney version of Pooh, these took some getting used to. However, now that we've been listening to them together (with our 4 and 2 year olds) for a few months, I can't stand Disney's Pooh! Peter Dennis captures all of the wit and humor of A.A. Milne's characters and stories that Disney has entirely left out. Even Charles Kuralt's rendition falls flat after listening to the rich, colorful voices performed by Dennis. We'll be listening to these CDs as a family for years to come so I consider this purchase a wise investment in our literary and driving pleasure.

This is a wonderful collection and great value- Four unabridged books on cds. I have read the books

many times to my kids. They like to hear me, and they like to hear these cds. Hearing Peter Dennis read them is like hearing them for the first time. He lends different inflections to the poetry and has better rhythm. He uses different vocal effects and makes the stories come alive. Even if your child has already read (or heard) the original A A Milne stories, I think he/she would enjoy these. The set includes two story books- The House At Pooh Corner and Winnie-The-Pooh- and two books of enchanting, story-like poetry- When We Were Very Young and Now We Are Six.

This is the best narration of Winnie-the-Pooh out there! Peter Dennis does a wonderful job with this book - he even snorts for Piglet! My children enjoyed listening immensely (and I did too)!

The only audio version approved by Christopher Robin himself. Peter Dennis is an amazing narrator! My 5 year old and 2 year old boys love listening to these CDs in the vehicle...esp the poetry (which surprised me). A must have for any lover of Pooh!

This collection of the A.A. Milne stories of Pooh Bear and Milne's exquisite children's poems are classics performed by the best of the best. My family listens to these cds on road trips and my boys like to listen to them during quiet time, too. The music played at the beginning and end is just so sweet, too, that it almost makes me emotional. There is something about Christopher Robin growing up and all his sweet little boy-ness that melts my heart. A.A. Milne captures something of idea and being of childhood that is truly unique and gentle and warm. I can't recommend this set highly enough even for people who don't have little ones. If you've ever loved a child or grandchild, you'd find something in these tales that resonates with you. If you have a child, this is a treasure to share early and often.

Saddened by Peter Dennis's passing, I'm moved to write this review of what are surely some of the finest readings of any books ever recorded. The humor, the love, the satire, the wisdom, all of these shine through Dennis's deeply felt readings. Please, please, if you've only encountered Pooh through Disney, listen to these recordings. As Nom de Guerre says, they will surprise you, but I think in a good way. They carry you away to the richer, smarter, deeper time and mind of A. A. Milne. If you still prefer Disney after that, so be it. And, really, you don't have to choose: my daughter has been listening to these stories since she was three. She loves them *and* she loves the Disney movies. Please listen to these: they are a revelation.

At first I hated this and wish I had a more gentle reading. The way the narrator voiced the characters is soooo different than how I internalized the voices. Pooh sounds dopey, Piglet has a really annoying habit of oinking, and Eeyore is soooooooooooooo patronizing, boring, and annoying. Every time he starts to talk I just hate him. However, it grew on me, and it also occurred to me that this is probably much closer to Milne's vision than The Tao of Pooh or the Disney cute gloomy Eeyore. My 5 year old who hasn't seen the Disney version liked the stories and liked Pooh and Piglet, and hates Eeyore too. She didn't love it as much as some other faster paced audiobooks we have, of course, but it was enough to hold her attention and have her involved and asking questions. She especially loves the chapters with Roo -- which are totally adorable. And I like having not fast paced choices available.

Amazing! Our children are 9, 6 and 3, and we've been listening to these in the car and all three of them love them! (So do I!) Such wonderful stories told in a marvelous way by Peter Dennis. I hope our kids never outgrow them. The musical interludes are also so calming that it adds a lot to the readings.

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