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# Instruction Manual: Finding Winnie

The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides an overview and guide to the hardcover book, *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*. Authored by Lindsay Mattick and illustrated by Sophie Blackall, this book recounts the remarkable true story of the bear who inspired the beloved character Winnie-the-Pooh. It is a historical narrative presented in a format suitable for young readers, offering insights into a unique friendship and journey during World War I.

## UNDERSTANDING THE NARRATIVE

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The book's narrative centers on Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian who, in 1914, rescued a baby bear named Winnie. The story follows their journey from Canada to an army base in England during World War I, and Winnie's eventual residence at the London Zoo. There, Winnie formed a special bond with a boy named Christopher Robin, inspiring his father, A.A. Milne, to create the Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

Key elements to observe while reading include:

- **Historical Context:** The setting of World War I and its impact on individuals and animals.
- **Character Development:** The bond between Harry Colebourn and Winnie, and later between Winnie and Christopher Robin.
- **Illustrations:** Sophie Blackall's watercolor illustrations complement the text, conveying emotion and historical detail.

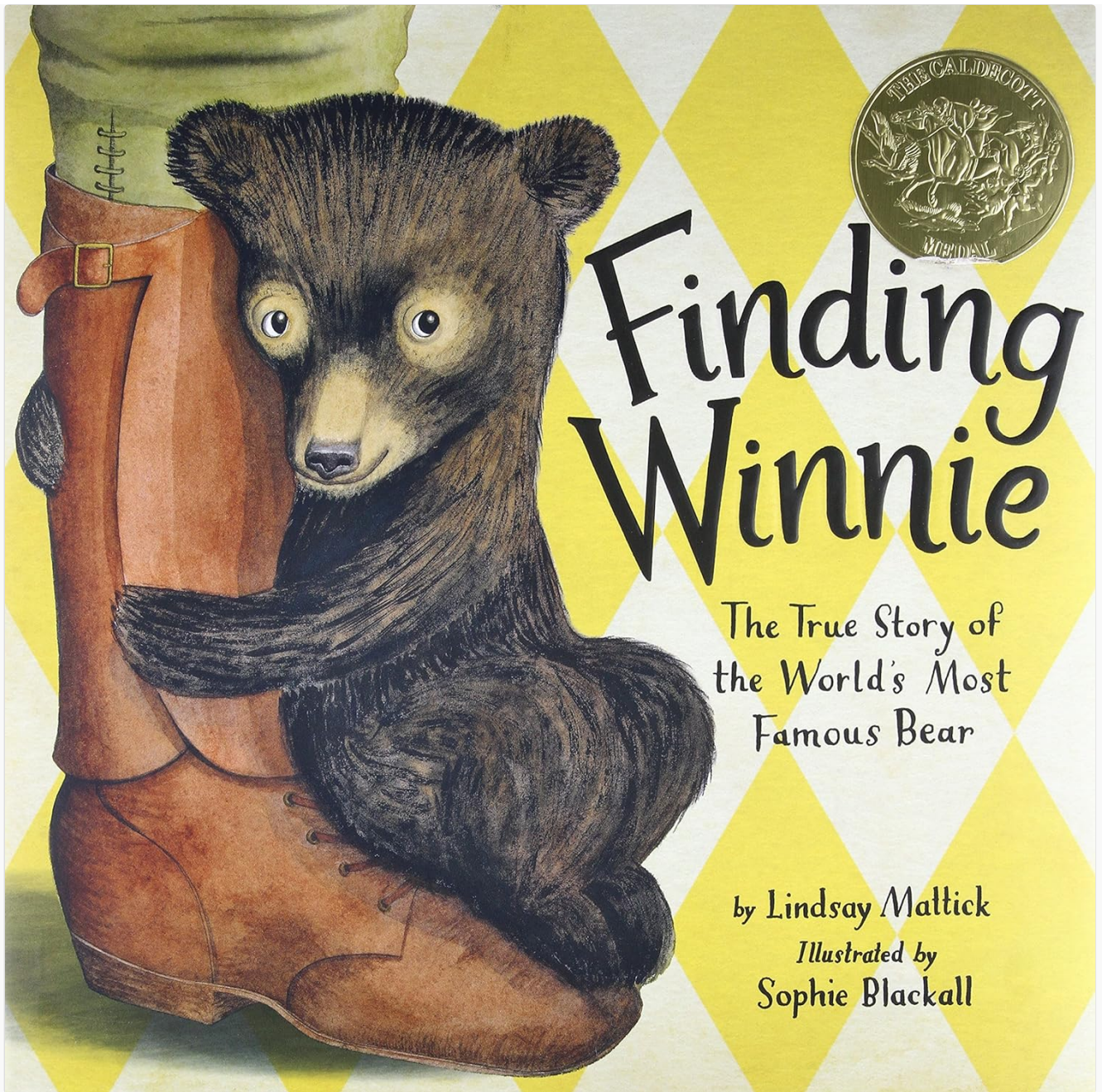


Image: Front cover of the book, depicting Winnie the bear cub nestled in a soldier's boot.



Image: Back cover of the book, illustrating a child's hand holding a teddy bear, symbolizing the inspiration for Winnie-the-Pooh.

## KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

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The book explores several themes, including friendship, compassion, the impact of war, and the power of imagination. It highlights how a simple act of kindness can lead to a lasting legacy, influencing generations through literature.

Readers are encouraged to consider:

- The historical accuracy of the events presented.
- The emotional journey of Harry Colebourn and Winnie.
- The connection between real-life experiences and fictional storytelling.

## CARE AND PRESERVATION

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To ensure the longevity of your hardcover book, please follow these guidelines:

- Store the book in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading and warping.
- Handle with clean hands to avoid transferring oils and dirt to the pages and cover.
- Avoid bending the cover or forcing the spine open excessively, which can damage the binding.
- Keep away from liquids and extreme temperatures.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Grade Level	Preschool - 3

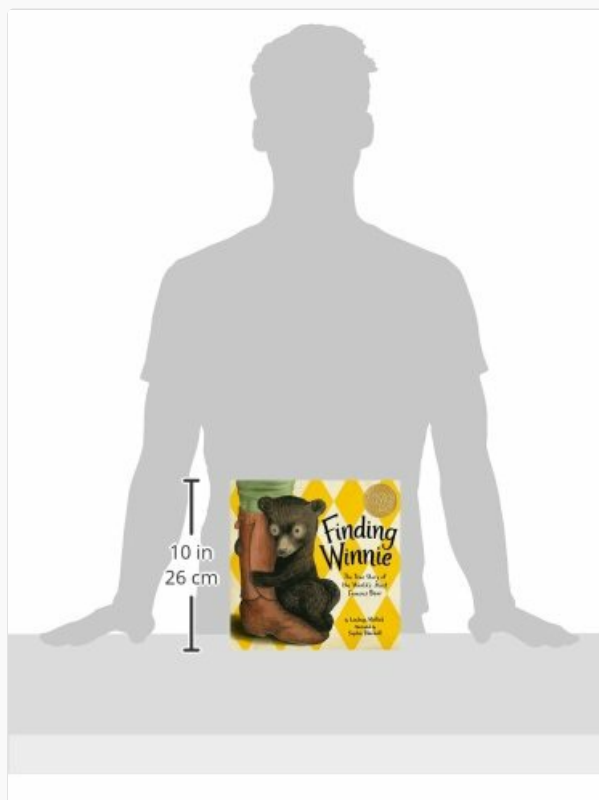


Image: Visual representation of the book's dimensions.

## TROUBLESHOOTING AND FURTHER EXPLORATION

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If you have questions regarding the historical context or literary aspects of the book, consider consulting additional resources such as historical texts on World War I, biographies of A.A. Milne, or information about the London Zoo during the early 20th century. Engaging in discussions with educators or librarians can also provide deeper insights.

## PUBLISHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

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For inquiries regarding the publication, distribution, or general information about *Finding Winnie*, please contact the publisher:

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