

E. H. Shepard

E. H. Shepard was a British artist best known for drawing the original pictures of **Winnie-the-Pooh** and **The Wind in the Willows**.

His gentle, detailed drawings have become some of the most loved illustrations in children's literature.



Childhood

- Born on 10 December 1879 in London, England
- Full name: **Ernest Howard Shepard**
- Loved drawing from a very young age
- Grew up in a creative family—his father was an architect, and his mother encouraged his art
- Lost his mother when he was 10 years old, which made a big impact on him

Education

- Studied at **St Paul's School** in London
- Attended the **Heatherley School of Fine Art** at age 18
- Later won a scholarship to the **Royal Academy Schools**, where he trained as an artist
- Learned how to draw people, animals, and nature in great detail

Career

- Worked as an illustrator for books, magazines, and newspapers
- Became famous for his drawings in **The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame
- Illustrated **Winnie-the-Pooh** and **The House at Pooh Corner** by A. A. Milne
- Worked as a cartoonist for *Punch* magazine
- Served as an officer and artist during **World War I**, where he made sketches of the battlefield

- Continued drawing into old age, even after losing his eyesight in one eye

Quotes

“I used to go to the zoo and sketch animals all day.”

“I tried to make Pooh look like a real bear, but with a child’s personality.”

“Every little drawing has to tell part of the story.”

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