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From Publishers Weekly

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From Kirkus Reviews

Ten years later, a sequel to the runaway bestseller *The Tao of Pooh*. If you like marshmallow laced with arsenic, it was worth the wait. In the original, as you may recall, Hoff had an Idea: that Winnie-the-Pooh could be used to explain Taoism, the ancient Chinese way of balance. Now, as luck would have it, Pooh's buddy Piglet turns out to be the perfect embodiment of Te, the Taoist term for virtue, which is attained through sensitivity, modesty, and smallness. Piglet, you see, is a "Very Small Animal" (for all his talk about smallness, Hoff, like A.A. Milne, who must be groaning in his grave, likes capital letters Very Much), and the diminutive porker's adventures are the perfect means to preach, Very Lightly, about being positive and ecological and upright. The trick is to "observe, deduce, apply"; once done, the millennial "Day of Piglet" will arrive and human beings will once again achieve "the state of paradise that existed before the Great Separation occurred." Watch out, though: All is not summer in the 100-Acre Wood. Beneath the goofy grin one finds bared teeth, as Hoff snaps away peevishly at Confucianism ("authoritarian, No-Nonsense attitude toward life"), Christianity, feminism ("behind their antimasculine words, it's Overmasculinity as Usual"), Republicans, critics, computers--whatever raises his Taoist hackles. All in a Good Cause, of course. No doubt, *The Ching of Eeyore* comes next. Then what? Well, by then the Day of Piglet will have come, and the whole world will be a Trillion-Acre Wood...so empty your pockets while you can, and watch Piglet bring home the bacon. (Illustrated with 51 line drawings from the original Pooh books. However did they dare?) --  
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**Benjamin Hoff** grew up in a rural area a few miles from Portland, Oregon. As a child, he preferred to spend his time outdoors, observing animals, insects, and plants. And from an early age he loved to write. He is also the author of the *New York Times* bestseller **The Tao of Pooh** and **The Diary of Opal Whiteley**.

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