

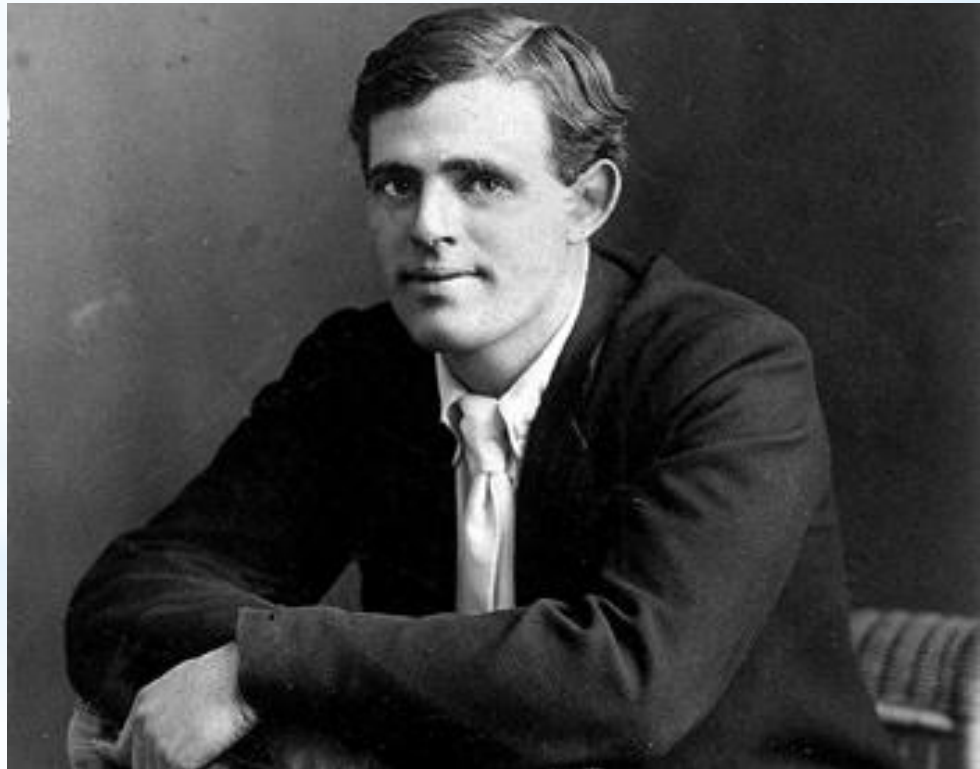
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Jack London (January 12, 1876 - November 22, 1916)

American writer, socialist, social activist, best known as the author of adventure stories and novels.



John Griffith Chaney (Jack London) was born January 12, 1876 in San Francisco.

Jack adopted stepfather, a widowed farmer John London. Jack originated from a poor working family . Jack did not finish school and an early age earned for living.

Jack London is a man who made himself.

From childhood he loved books, read fiction and philosophical and sociological works.

Craftsman, sailor, later a farmer who knew the severity of physical labor, London life devoured knowledge and already caught fire in the early years of the dream of becoming a writer. The first story is "For those who are on the road" "samples" in print in 1899, publishing houses and magazines opened the door for him. His collections of short stories, "Son of the Wolf," "God of his fathers," "Children of the Frost" and others depict strong-willed, courageous people in a "white silence" severe North condemning cowards and traitors, wich brought him wide recognition.

Storybook:

Son of the Wolf (1900),

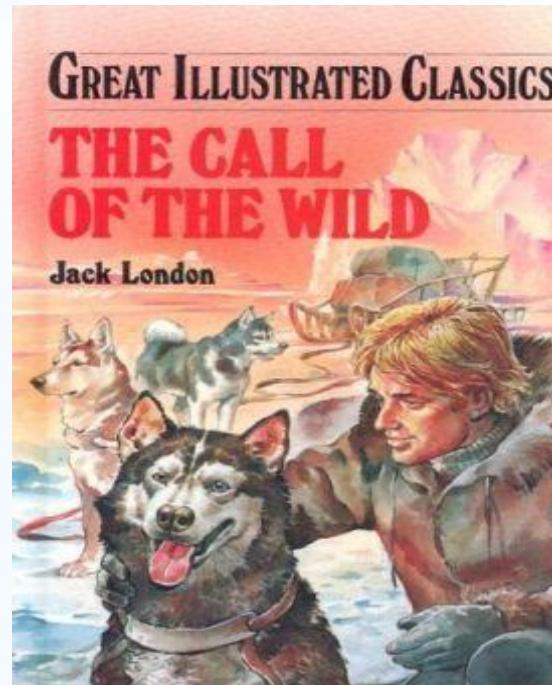
God of his
fathers (1901),

Children of the
Frost (1902),

Men's
loyalty
(1904),

Love of Life
(1907),

Son of the
Sun (1912),



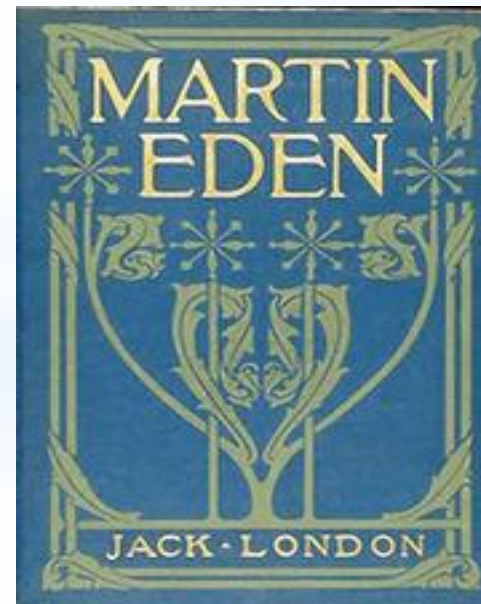
When the Gods
Laugh (1911),

Красное
божество
(1918),

For courage
(Dutch
courage)
(1922),

Red deity
(1918),

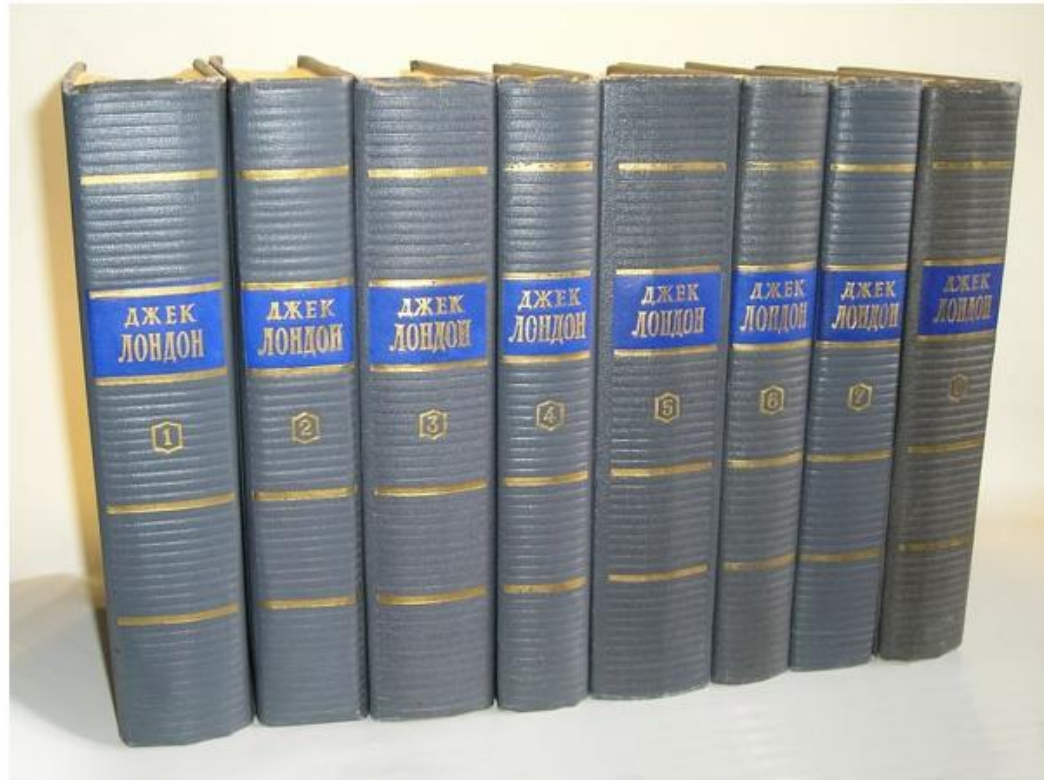
Temple
pride
(1912)



Jack London was very popular in the USSR and Russia because of his sympathies to the ideas of socialism, membership in the Socialist Workers Party, as well as a writer, singer of inflexibility of spirit and life intangible values (friendship, honesty, diligence, fairness) that advocated in the socialist state, and it was natural for the mentality of the Russian people, was formed within the Russian community. Soviet readers attention is not paid to the fact that he was the highest paid writer of America. His fee reached 50 thousand dollars for a book that was a fantastic sum. However, the writer of nowhere and no one gave a reason to blame himself that he wrote for money. And in the novel "Martin Eden", the most autobiographical of all of his works, Jack London showed the death of the soul of the young writer and his beloved under the influence of desire for money. Lust for Life was the idea of his works, but not lust for gold.

Several well-known works in London are devoted to the problems of evolution. In the novel "Before Adam" (1906), no doubt inspired by William Golding story of his "heirs" genetic memory allows the consciousness of modern man to travel in the prehistoric past, where "progress" (People of Fire) is gradually replacing the historical scene of innocent children of Nature. Devoted to the same topic stories "The Power of the strong" (1911) and "When the world was young" (1910).

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A collection of fantastic works by Jack London was repitely published .





In recent years, London experienced a creative crisis, and therefore began to abuse alcohol (later dropped). Because of the crisis, even the writer was forced to purchase a plot for a new novel. Such plot was sold to London novice American writer Sinclair Lewis. London managed to give the name of the future novel - "Office killings" - but managed to write quite a bit, as he died shortly after.

London died November 22, 1916 in the town of Glen Ellen. Recent years he suffered from kidney disease and died of poisoning had prescribed morphine.

The most famous is the version of suicide , but doctors say that London was not a sufficient knowledge to get a lethal dose of morphine , no serious grounds for suicide. But what 'argument about the sources of suicide existed in his mind , it is unique. So, his favorite hero Martin Eden quite consciously commits suicide , being depressed due to unfulfilled expectations about the principles of the existence of the "higher " of American society and psychological fatigue from work. Close topic is about and the story «Semper Idem»; about his thoughts of suicide London also mentions in the biographical novel " John Barleycorn ."

Jack London is still popular in many countries and his books are still read and reread.

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