



# **The Jungle Book**

**By: Rudyard Kipling**

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- **Birth Date:** 12/30/1865
- **Death Date:** 1/18/1936 (ulcer hemorrhage)
- **Place of Birth:** Bombay, India
- **Place of Death:** Burwash, England
- **Parents:** John & Alice Kipling
  - John: Artist & Architect
  - Alice: Strong ties to the arts
- **Sibling:** Alice Kipling



## **. . . More Kipling facts**

- Editor of his school magazine
- Worked for many newspapers post school
- 1892, Married Caroline Balestier
- Two daughters – Josephine (1892-99) & Elsie (1896-1976)
- One son – John (1897-1915) died in WWI – Rudyard suffered gastric ulcers from his worry over his son.

# Kipling's career

- **1886**- Assistant Editor of *Civil and Military Gazette*
- **1888**- Editor of the weekly supplement, *The Week's News*
- **1892**- Wrote many novels and short stories, but began writing children's novels.
- **1893**- *The Jungle Book* published. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jungle Book published in 1895.
- **1907**– awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

## . . . More on Kipling's career

- **1910**– poem “*If-* ” published within a series of historical stories
- **1917**– Joined the War Graves Commission as a result of his son's disappearance.
- **1937**- Kipling's last writings, contained in *Something of Myself for my Friends Known and Unknown*, published.
- **1976**- Elsie Bambridge Kipling, Rudyard's last surviving child, died childless. His copyrights were left by her to the National Trust.

# Kipling's Old Home



# Kipling's Last Home



# Kipling's Garden





# Kipling's Funeral



# India

- First known settlement appeared over 9,000 years ago.
- Sovereign country in South Asia.
- Largest democracy in the world. (socialist republic)
- 28 states & 7 federally governed union territories
- India's geographical plate-shift gave rise to the Himalayan Mountains.
- Taj Mahal is India's most popular tourist site.



# India facts

- **Motto:** Truth Alone Triumphs
- **Anthem:** Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people
- **National Song:** “I bow to thee, Mother!”
- **Capital:** New Delhi
- **Languages:** Hindi and English
- **Aug. 15, 1947** – declared independence from UK
- **Jan. 26, 1950** – became a Republic country
- **7<sup>th</sup>** largest country (by area)
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** most populous (1.12 billion)



## . . . More India Facts

- **Currency:** Indian Rupee
- **Name Derivation:** Indus, which is derived from the Old Persian word Hindu.
- **Animal:** Royal Bengal Tiger
- **Bird:** Indian Peacock
- **Flower:** Lotus
- **Tree:** Banyan
- **Fruit:** Mango
- **Sport:** Field Hockey

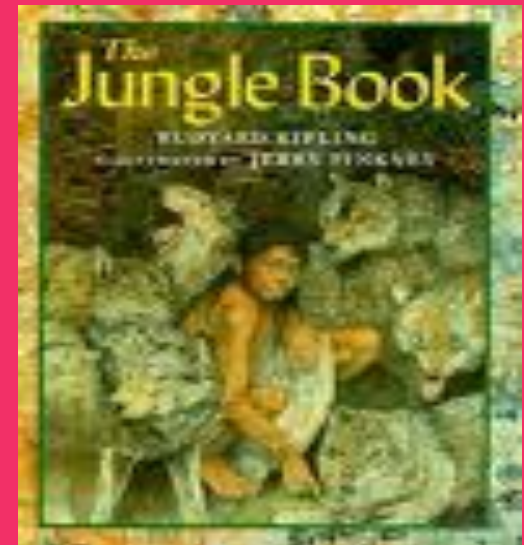
# Why India?

- Kipling was born in Bombay, India
- Customs and ways of life familiar to Kipling
- Kipling shares his love of and fascination with India with his readers who are not able to visit this magical place.



# *The Jungle Book*

- Centers around the life of a young boy named Mowgli.
- Mowgli is raised by wolves and lives among animals located in the Indian Jungle.
- His stories are featured in three stories within *The Jungle Book*: “Mowgli’s Brothers,” “Kaa’s Hunting,” and “Tiger, Tiger.”



# Characters

**Mowgli** – main character (young boy)

**Akela** – head of the wolf council

He is a good ruler and a true friend to Mowgli



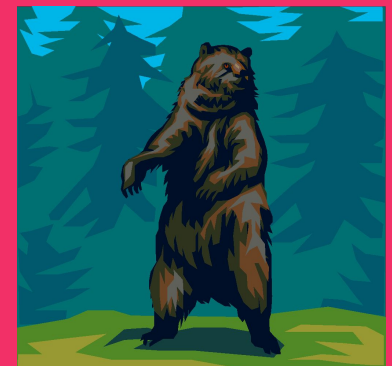
**Kaa** – Rock Python Snake

Not evil; just has a different method of hunting

**Baloo** – loveable, brown bear.

The only non-wolf member (besides Mowgli) of the Wolf Council of Elders

Mowgli's best friend



# More characters



**Bagheera** – sleek and wise black panther

Mowgli's friend, sponsor, and tutor

Born and raised in captivity



**Members of the Bandar-Log** – band of wild monkeys, portrayed by “King Louie” in the animated version

**Shere Khan** – Striped tiger who is sometimes called the “Big One” and “Lungri, the Lame One”

Feared for his power, but he is not respected





# Layout of the Story

- Consists of seven (7) short stories:
  - Three (3) are about Mowgli and his jungle friends.
  - Four (4) are a series of animal fables.
- Each story is followed by a lyrical poem or song, supposedly sung or spoken by the main character, summarizing the story.

# Themes

- **Mistrust of People Who are Different**
  - Mowgli's entrance into the wolf pack
  - Mowgli's entrance into the village, as well as the villager's perceptions of Mowgli
- **The Value of Friendship**
  - Relationships between Mowgli and the jungle animals
- **Innocence of Animals and Children**
  - Animals appearance as non-threatening to humans
  - Mowgli's innocence toward the animals, as well as his judgment towards the animals and the village people.

## Places in *The Jungle Book*

- Tropical jungle in the British colony of India
- Bering Sea (“The White Seal” and “Servants of the Queen”) - Novastoshnah
- Monkey City of Bandar-Log
- Council rock
- South Pacific
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Think  
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- How are you like Mowgli?
- How are yours and Mowgli's worlds similar?
- Is it important for a youth to leave their "safety-nest" and go live among others who are like them?
- How much of our "life experiences" influence our thinking, our goals, and our perception of the world around us?

