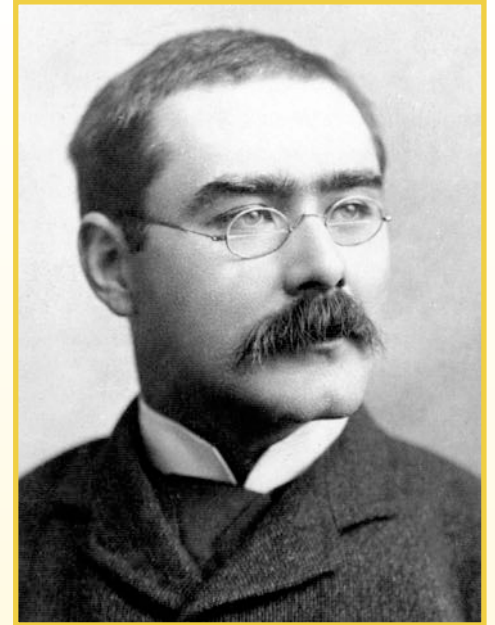


Rudyard Kipling

Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born on 30th of December 1865 in Bombay (now Mumbai), India. His father, John Lockwood Kipling, was an art teacher, sculptor and museum curator.



Rudyard Kipling

While his parents stayed in India, Rudyard and his sister Alice (known as Trix) were sent to Portsmouth, England to attend school when he was six.



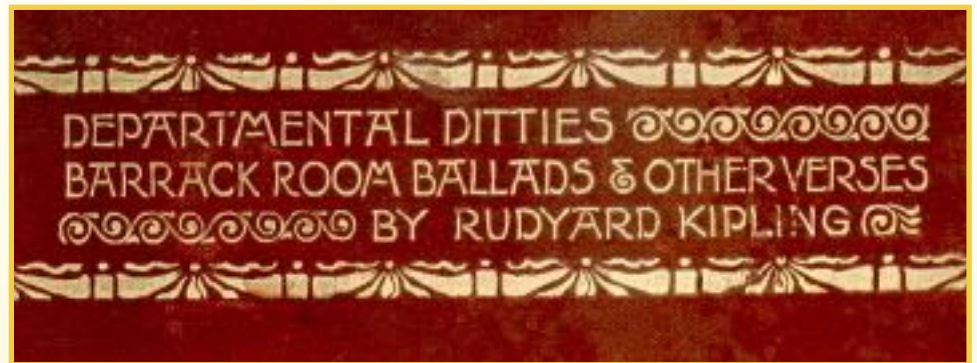
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Kipling's parents could not afford to send him to university, so he returned to India in 1882 and went to work at a newspaper in Lahore.



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Kipling's first work, *Departmental Ditties, A Volume of Verse*, was published in 1886. He wrote it in his spare time while working as a journalist.



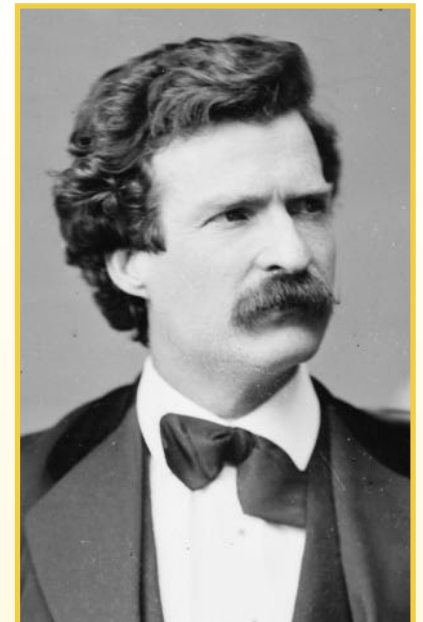
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In 1889 he lost his job as journalist due to an argument. He was given six months' wages and used the money to first visit America and then move to London.



Rudyard Kipling

While Kipling was in America in 1889, he turned up unannounced at the house of Mark Twain, the famous author of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and Twain gave him an interview.



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling married Caroline Starr Balestier, the sister of a friend, in 1892. They went on to have three children; Josephine in 1892, Elsie in 1894 and John in 1897.



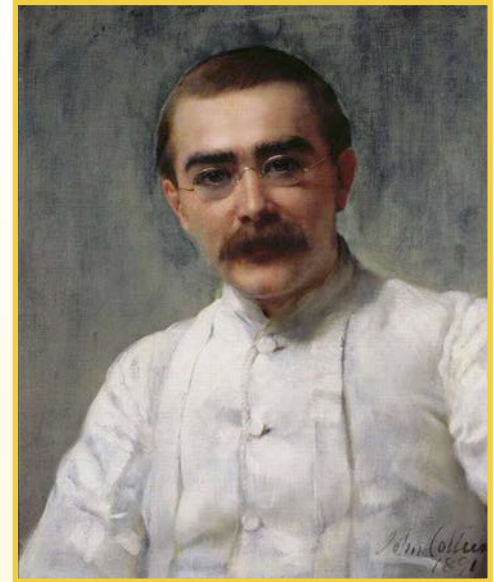
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Kipling's daughter Josephine died of pneumonia in 1899, after crossing the Atlantic to visit family in New York. Kipling himself also developed pneumonia on the same voyage but recovered.



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907. He was 41 years old and is still the youngest person ever to have received it.



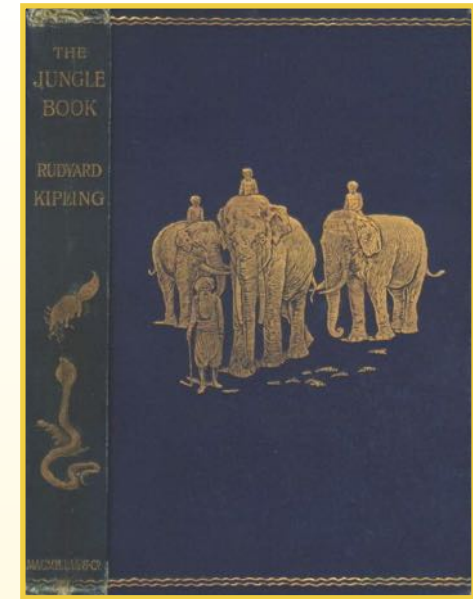
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Kipling's son John died during World War I. He was killed on the 27th of September 1915 at the Battle of Loos, in France.



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling's best loved work, *The Jungle Book*, was first published in 1894. It is a collection of short stories, which was first made into a film by Disney in 1967.



Rudyard Kipling

When he was eleven, Kipling's mother learnt that he was unhappy in Portsmouth and moved him to a new school in Devon, United Services College. He later turned this experience into a book - *Stalky and Co.*



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling suffered from insomnia when he was living in India. He often wandered the city at night, gathering inspiration for his stories.



Rudyard Kipling

In 1915 Kipling travelled to France and reported on the terrible devastation of World War I from the frontline.



Rudyard Kipling

Although he accepted the Nobel Prize for Literature, Kipling turned down many other honours including a knighthood and being Poet Laureate.



Rudyard Kipling

In 1902 the Kipling family bought Bateman's, a Jacobean House, and settled in East Sussex, England. Today the house is owned by the National Trust.



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling's unusual name comes from Rudyard Lake in Staffordshire, England, where his parents had spent time together before their marriage.



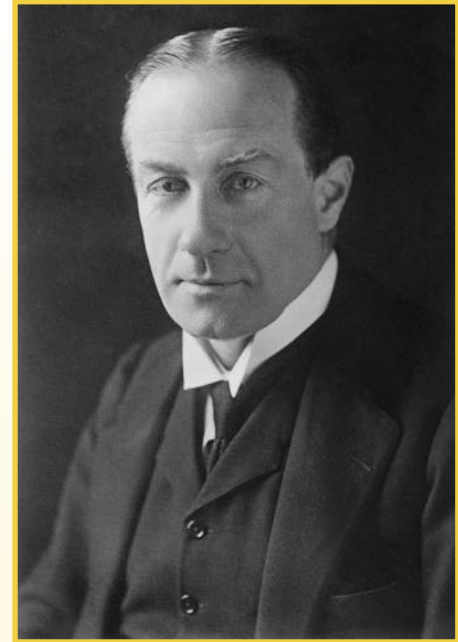
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In 2013 over fifty of Kipling's poems, which were thought to be lost, were published by the American scholar Thomas Pinney.



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling's family was very well connected. One of his uncles, Edward Burne-Jones, was a famous painter and his cousin, Stanley Baldwin, was British Prime Minister three times.



Rudyard Kipling

Kipling died on the 18th of January 1936 in hospital in London. His ashes are buried in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, London.



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