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The Jungle Books, regarded as classic stories told by an adult to children and best known....

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432 pages

Review

"*The Jungle Book* was one of those rare books that I felt I was actually living as I read it" (Michael Morpurgo)

"The original stories of *The Jungle Book* surpass all rollicking Disneyfied expectations. On one level, the Mancub's education is pure entertainment; on another, the jungle is symbolic of Kipling's philosophy of life, a moral playground in which the young learn to swing on the vines of life" (*The Times*)

"The incantatory text of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Books* still rewards reading aloud" (*Sunday Times*) -- online

"Around a century ago, Rudyard Kipling laid the foundations of modern children's literature with works such as *The Jungle Book, Just So Stories* and *Puck of Pook's Hill*. Far from the fusty Victorian conventions of the time, they were wild, magnificent stories that felt as though they'd always existed, stories people might have told each other in the caves" (*Daily Telegraph*) --online

"So what makes these different to any other set of classics? In a moment of inspiration Random House had the bright idea of actually asking Key stage 2 children what extra ingredients they could add to make children want to read. And does it work? Well, put it this way...my 13-year-old daughter announced that she had to read a book over the summer holiday and, without any prompting, spotted The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas...and proceeded to read it! Now, if you knew my 13-year-old daughter, you would realise that this is quite remarkable. She reads texts, blogs and tags by the thousand - but this is the first book she has read since going to high school, so all hail Vintage Classics!" (*National Association for the Teaching of English*) -- online From the Back Cover

'Man!' he snapped. 'A man's cub. Look!' About the Author

Joseph Rudyard Kipling (30 December 1865 – 18 January 1936) was an English short-story writer, poet, and novelist. He was born in Bombay, in the Bombay Presidency of British India, and was taken by his family to England when he was five years old. Near the end of his time at the school, it was decided that he lacked the academic ability to get into Oxford University on a scholarship and so his father obtained a job for him in Lahore, Punjab. Kipling was to be assistant editor of a small local newspaper, the Civil & Military Gazette. On 9 March 1889, Kipling left India, travelling first to San Francisco via Rangoon, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Japan. He then travelled through the United States, writing articles for The Pioneer. In the course of this journey, he met Mark Twain. He then crossed the Atlantic, and reached Liverpool in October 1889. On 18 January 1892, he married Carrie Balestier.

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