

Pronounced: 'rʌdjərd or RUD-yərd

In the beginning 20th century Rudyard Kipling was among the United Kingdom's most popular writers.

Indian-born Rudyard Kipling was only six years old, when he was sent by his British parents from their home in India back to England. There he spent five miserable years staying with a foster-mother he hated. However, he became much happier when he went to boarding school. There he was noticed a budding young writer.

At 16 he returned to India and began writing short stories and poems describing the lives of the British and Indian people. In 1884 he wrote *The Jungle Book*, which includes stories about an Indian child, Mowgli, brought up by a family of wolves.

Kipling then wrote a series of fables describing how the leopard got its spots, the camel its hump. His finest novel, *Kim*, is about a young orphan who grew up in the streets of the city of Lahore in modern-day Pakistan. He is the son of an Irish military man, but has fully adopted the culture, language and customs of India.

Kim roams the bustling streets and markets of his city. But his life changes dramatically when he meets a Tibetan lama traveling to the Ganges River. Together they embark on a journey across the

country. On this journey, Kim is recruited by the British Empire to work as a spy and participate in the "Great Game", an espionage conflict between Russia and the British Empire.

Even today, a lot of Indians still regard *Kim* as a truly great book about their country.

Rudyard Kipling was the first English writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature (in 1907)



WHO IS WHAT IN THE JUNGLE BOOK?

Mowgli	A soldier	<u>A boy</u>	A penguin	A thief
Baloo	<u>A bear</u>	A bird	A horse	A dog
Kaa	A fly	<u>A snake</u>	A cat	A hamster
Hathi	A butterfly	An eagle	A fish	<u>An elephant</u>
Bagheera	A hedgehog	<u>A panther</u>	A rabbit	A bumblebee
Shere Khan	A rat	A cancer	<u>A tiger</u>	A hornet
Akela	<u>A wolf</u>	A bat	A sparrow	A pig
Tabaqui	A camel	<u>A jackal</u>	A lizard	A cow
Rama	A donkey	A mouse	A sheep	<u>A buffalo</u>

CROSS OUT THE BAD OPTION:

Mowgli grows up under the care of ~~his grandfather~~ / **the she-wolf Raksha**. His friends in the jungle include the ~~easygoing~~ / **dangerous** bear Baloo, the ~~white~~ / **black** panther Bagheera, and the **monkey king** / ~~professor~~ King Louie. But the **tiger** / ~~donkey~~ Shere Khan, who is responsible for the deaths of Mowgli's ~~parents~~ / **children**, is a threat that neither the boy nor the animals of the jungle should **fear** / ~~underestimate~~. And Shir Khan never misses an opportunity to **snatch** / ~~pet~~ Mowgli as well.