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**RUDYARD KIPLING**

R. Kipling was an English poet, journalist and short stories writert. He was born in 1865 in Bombay and when he was 6 years old moved to his relatives in Great Britain to study. Kipling returned in India when he was 17 and travelled all around the country as journalist. In this way he tried to understand and discover different cultures there were in India. Kipling's experiences during this time formed the backbone for a series of stories he began to write and publish. They were eventually assembled into a collection of 40 short stories called “Plain Tales From the Hills”, which gained wide popularity in England. In 1894 appeared his *Jungle Book*, which became a children's classic all over the world. In addition he went in Italy, in Friuli Venezia Giulia, during the First World War and observed Italian soldiers who fought on the Alps. During this experience he wrote different articles which are collected in “War in the mountains” (1917). There are lots of movements that have had their influence in English literature: in Kipling may be traced perhaps of Defoe, Spenser and Tennyson. Clearly, however, imagination is as strong in him as empirical observation. Though he does not possess the refined and sensuously beautiful style of Swinburne, yet he escapes, on the other hand, all tendency toward a pagan worship of pleasure. He died in 1936 in London.