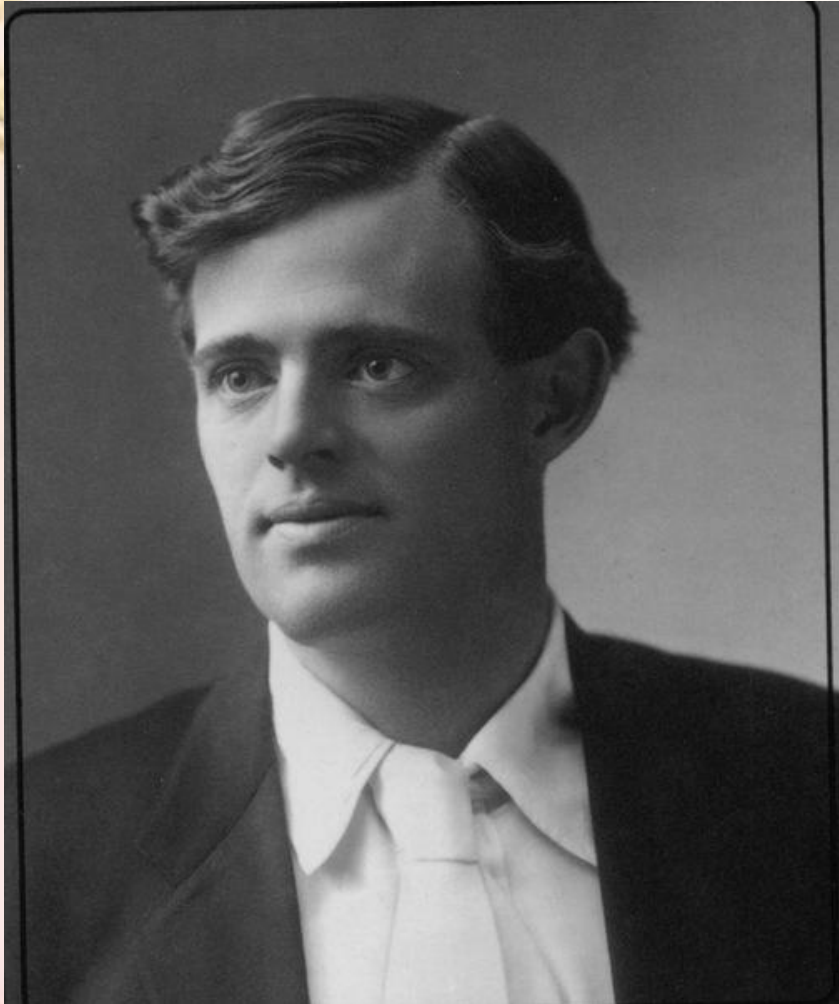


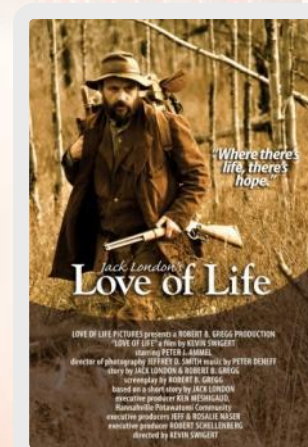
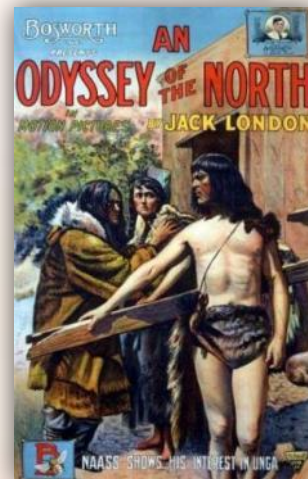
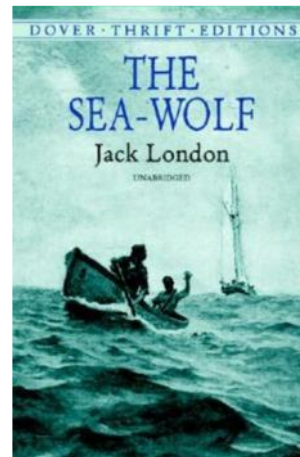
JACK LONDON

(1876-1916)



was the most successful American author of the early 20th century. He was born in San Francisco into a very poor family and led an adventurous life before deciding to become a writer.

Famous novels and short stories



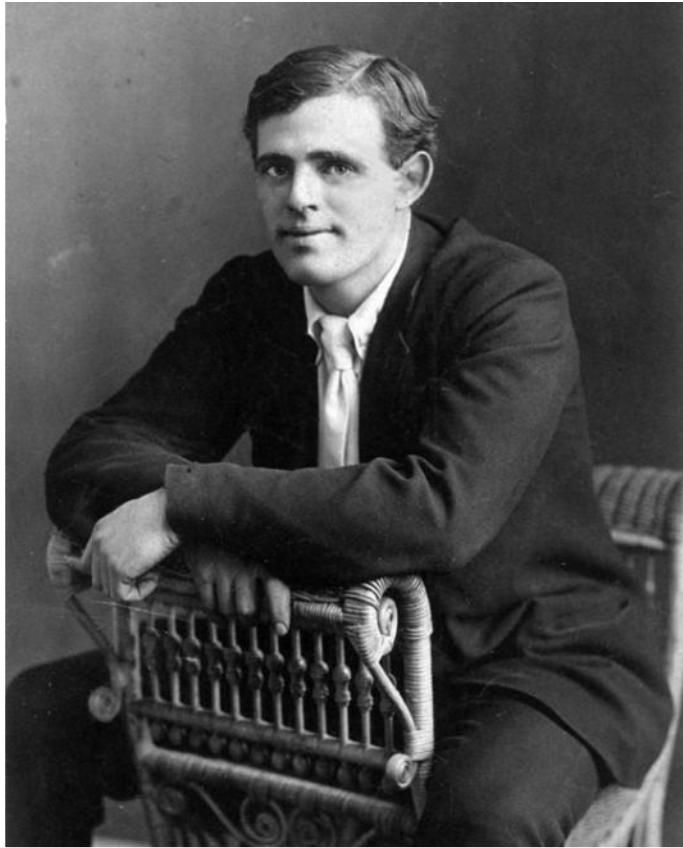
Jack London as a writer



London began his writing career at the age of 17 – in 1893. His first story was autobiographical. In 1893 during the sealing voyage London and his crew were nearly taken out by the typhoon, and when he returned home, he told his mother about his dangerous adventure.

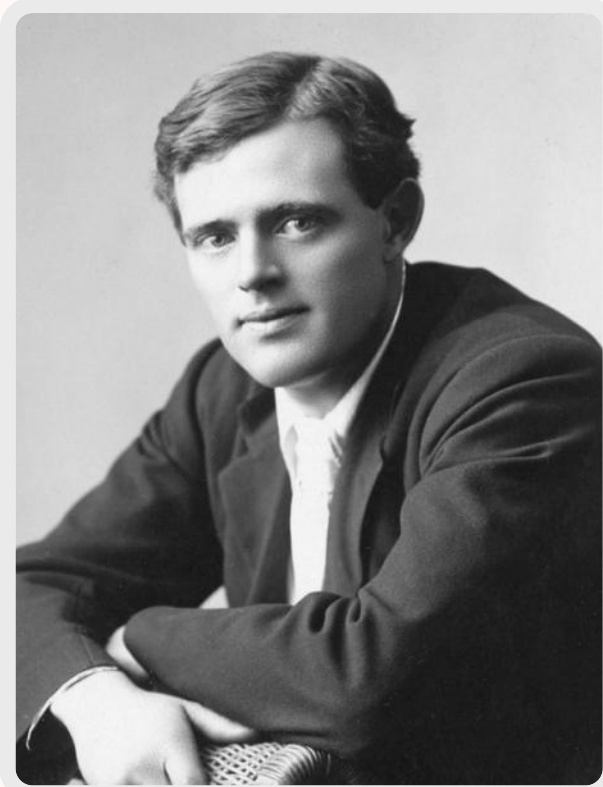
His mother liked his story and made him write it down and submit it for a writing contest in one of the local papers. London won the first prize, even having only eighth-grade education, he beat out students from Stanford and Berkeley.

Jack London as a writer



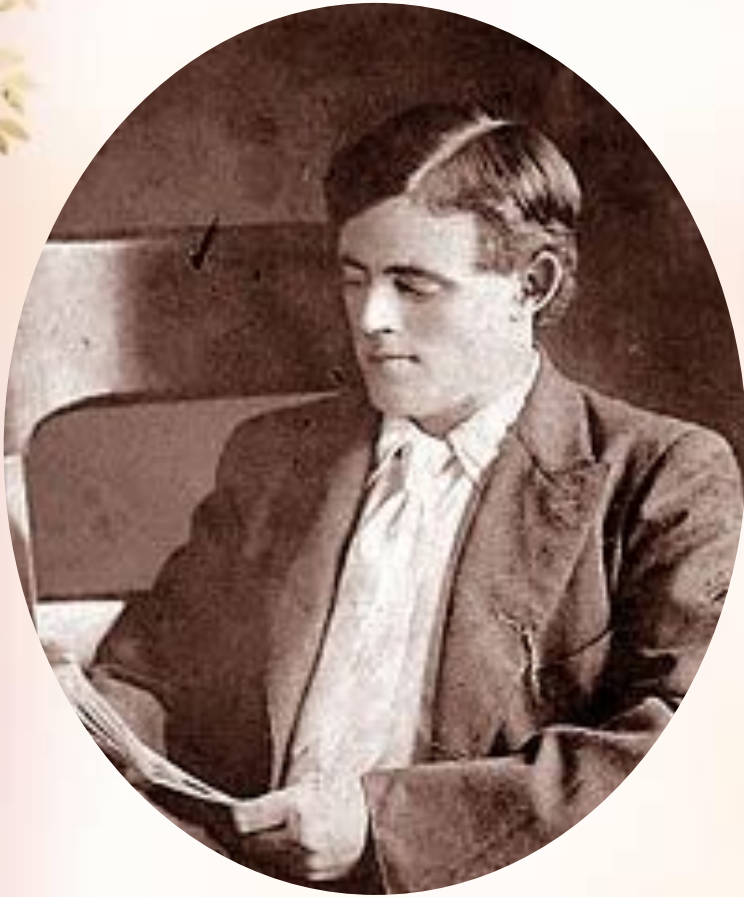
London continued to write short stories, but it was difficult for him to find the publishers. After a while Jack London decided to enter the University of California and entered it with no trouble. But having financial problems he had to leave it and to go to the Yukon (Northern Canada) to seek a fortune in the gold rush.

Jack London as a writer



When Jack London returned from Yukon, he became more serious about his writing. He created a few stories about the life in the North and published them in 1899. He was very disciplined as a writer and practiced to write at least 1000 words a day.

Jack London as a writer



In 1903 went out his first successful novel 'The Call of the Wild'. The 27-year-old writer found some fortune and fame. More than 50 books followed the first one.

In his works Jack London revealed social problems.

Jack London's personal life



Jack London married Bess Maddern in 1900. They had two daughters – Becky and Joan. Their marriage lasted only a few years, and 1905 London married another woman – Charmian Kittredge and lived with her for the rest of his life.

Final years of London



Over the last years of his life the Jack London had a lot of problems – financial and, consequently, creative. In order to pay his debts he had to write articles and he found himself unworthy.

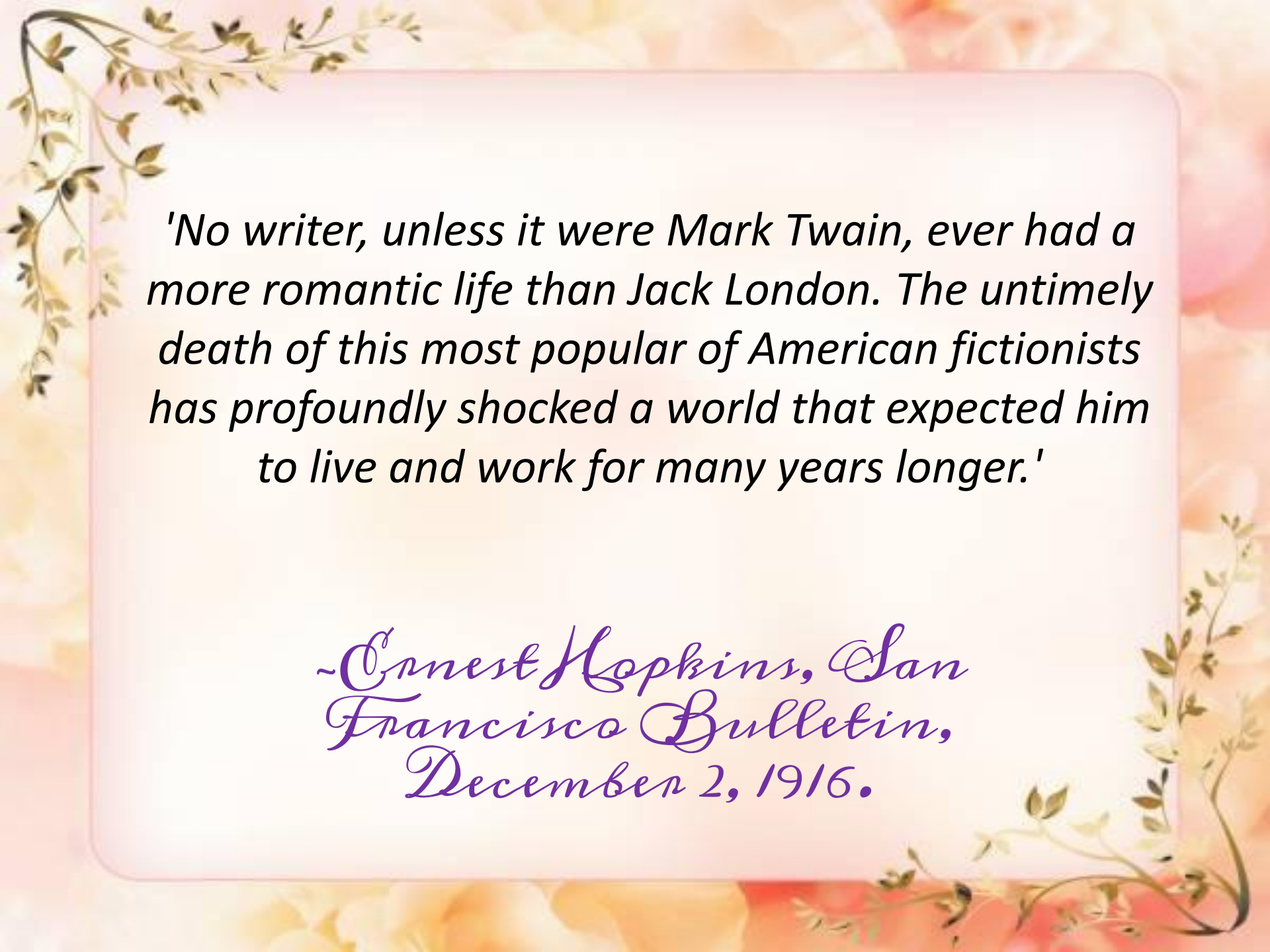
To these health issues were added. In the end kidney disease took Jack London's life.

The famous American writer died on November 22, 1916 at his Californian ranch at the age of forty.



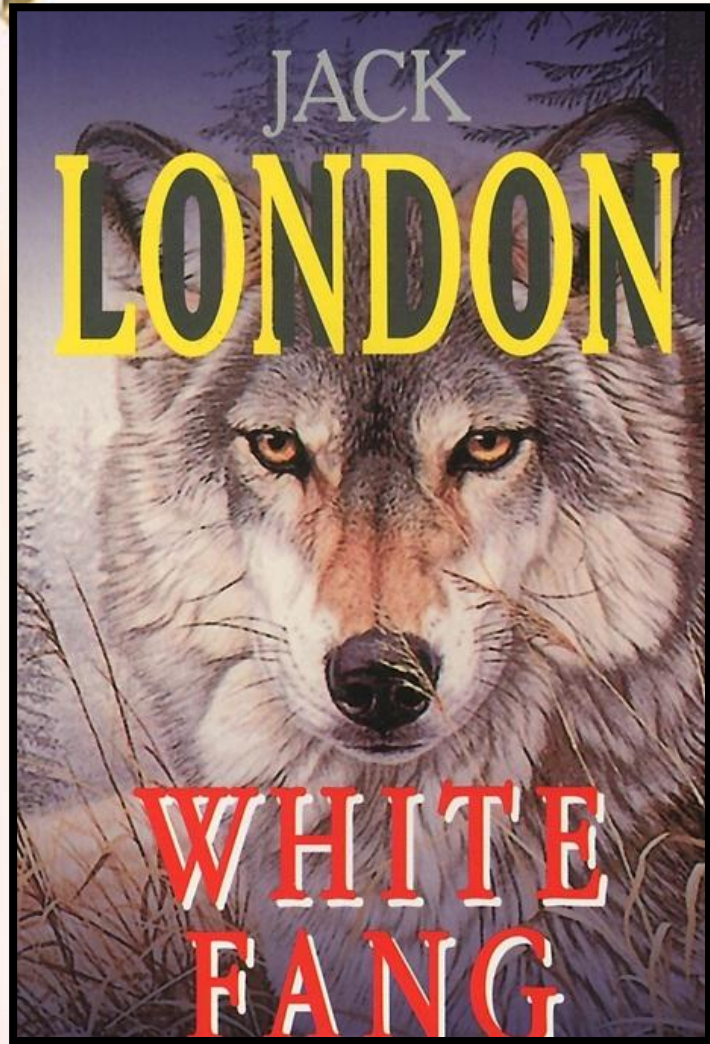
Interesting facts about Jack London

- At the age of fifteen Jack London bought the sloop and became oyster pirate.
- Among his friends London had nickname 'Shaggy Wolf' or simply 'Wolf' for his famous novels and personality.
- Jack London ran for Mayor of Oakland as a Socialist two times (in 1901 and in 1905), both times unsuccessfully.
- There is a file in the FBI on Jack London where he was recorded as a co-founder of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society.

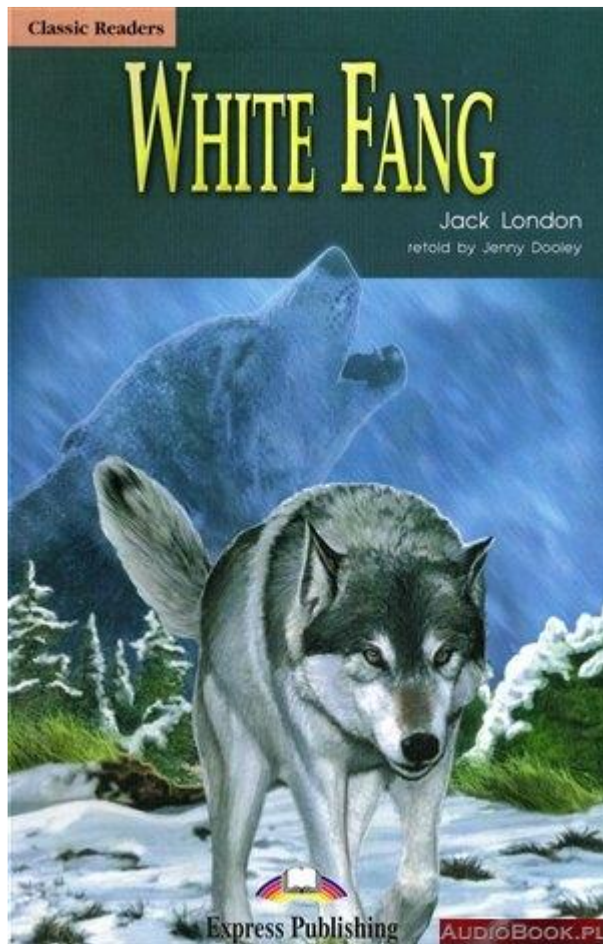


'No writer, unless it were Mark Twain, ever had a more romantic life than Jack London. The untimely death of this most popular of American fictionists has profoundly shocked a world that expected him to live and work for many years longer.'

*-Ernest Hopkins, San
Francisco Bulletin,
December 2, 1916.*



Much of *White Fang* is written from the viewpoint of the titular canine character, enabling London to explore how animals view their world and how they view humans. *White Fang* examines the violent world of wild animals and the equally violent world of humans. The book also explores complex themes including morality and redemption.



White Fang is the story of a wild wolf-dog. It begins in the frozen north of Canada where White Fang has a very difficult life. He has to fight for survival every day and he is treated very cruelly. Finally, he is saved from his cruel owner by a kind man called Scott Wheedon, who loves him and tames him. In return, White Fang saved his life when he is in trouble.