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#### About the Author

British author and poet RUDYARD KIPLING (1865-1936) was born in colonial India, a locale that inspired his best-known works, *The Jungle Book* (1894), *Kim* (1901), and *Gunga Din* (1892). He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907.

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