

Book review

THE JUNGLE BOOK

--Rudyard Kipling

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INTRODUCTION:

- Why did I choose this book?

I selected The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling because I enjoy animal and adventure stories

- What were my initial expectations?

I thought it would be an entertaining and thrilling story about a boy who grew up in the jungle, and I was interested in learning how he managed to survive with wild animals. Because Kipling is famous for writing interesting stories, I was hoping that it would be entertaining as well as meaningful.

SUMMARY

- Plot & Theme

The novel is the life of Mowgli, a boy brought up by wolves in the jungle of India. He is guarded by Baloo nice bear, and Bagheera intelligent black panther. he has threats, particularly from Shere Khan, the savage tiger that desires to destroy him. Mowgli picks up valuable lessons regarding survival, friendship, and identity throughout the novel. He comes across other animals during his journey, such as Kaa the python and cunning Bandar-log monkeys. Belonging, laws of nature, and courage are some of the themes addressed in the novel. It is combination of separate stories, the journey of Mowgli continues to be the core of the book, so it is a thrilling and informative read.

ANALYSIS & OPINIONS

- What worked well in the book?

Greatest thing about The Jungle Book is its lovable characters. Mowgli is adventurous and inquisitive, so it is easy to support him. Baloo and Bagheera are like his wise and affectionate mentors, and their teachings make Mowgli mature. The jungle comes alive with Kipling's rich descriptions, so the reader feels as if they are part of the adventure

- What didn't work in the book?

However, some parts of the book might feel old-fashioned, and some of the animal stories are not as engaging as Mowgli's tale. Still, the lessons about respect for nature and bravery are powerful. A memorable line from the book is **when Baloo tells Mowgli, "The strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."** This shows how important teamwork and unity are

PERSONAL CONNECTION

- How did the book impact me?

Reading *The Jungle Book* taught me to love nature and the value of learning from those who care for us. Like Mowgli, I have at times felt caught between two worlds—struggling to belong while finding out who I truly am. The book also reminded me that sometimes we must face our fears in order to grow.

- Did it change your perspective on anything?

Reading *The Jungle Book* change your perspective on nature, survival, or the relationship between humans and animals? Explain how the story influenced your thoughts, using examples from Mowgli's journey and his interactions with the jungle creatures.

- Idioms

The law of the jungle is clear—only those who are strong, smart, and adaptable can survive in the wild.

Shere Khan acted friendly toward the animals, but Mowgli knew he was just **a wolf in sheep's clothing**, waiting for the right moment to strike.

CONCLUSION

I would suggest *The Jungle Book* to anyone who likes adventure and animal tales. It is ideal for children and those who prefer tales of courage and friendship. Although some aspects are a bit outdated, the moral lessons it provides about courage and belonging remain relevant today. It is an eternal story that still inspires.