

10:1 *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London



- Born in 1876
- Died in 1916
- Early life spent in various parts of California
- Began “adventurous” life at age 15 as a sailor, hobo, and tramp
- First well-received story published at age 24
- Married twice; father of two children
- Well-known for his adventure stories including *The Call of the Wild*, *White Fang*, and *The Sea Wolf*
- Once said: “I would rather be ashes than dust! I would rather that my spark burn out in a brilliant glaze than it should be stifled by dry rot. I would rather be a superb meteor; every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy permanent planet. The proper function of a man is to live, not to exist.”