



# The Call of the Wild

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Jack London's powerful adventure follows Buck, a domesticated dog thrust into the brutal Klondike Gold Rush, exploring themes of instinct, survival, and the primal pull of the wilderness.

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## Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	<b>awakening</b>	v. 1.to wake from sleep; 2 to make sharply aware; n. the act of waking   <i>"Something deep and awakening stirred in Buck each night as the wolves sang their ancient song to the stars."</i>
1	<b>deteriorate</b>	v. to become worse over time or quality.   <i>"Under the cruelest of masters, even the strongest sled dogs would deteriorate within a single brutal season."</i>
1	<b>dominate</b>	v. to have control over something or someone.   <i>"Buck learned quickly that to survive he must dominate, or be dominated by those with fewer scruples."</i>
1	<b>ferociously</b>	adv. in a fierce or violent manner.   <i>"He ferociously defended his food, snarling at any dog that dared approach his portion of the ration."</i>
1	<b>instinctive</b>	adj. relating to or prompted by instinct; automatic or unthinking behavior.   <i>"His instinctive crouch before a larger dog was not cowardice — it was the ancient wisdom of the wild."</i>
1	<b>merciless</b>	adj. showing no mercy or pity towards others.   <i>"The merciless trail claimed three dogs before the team had crossed even the first ridge of the Yukon."</i>
1	<b>powerful</b>	adj. having great strength or force.   <i>"Buck grew more powerful with every mile of frozen trail, his shoulders thickening against the harness straps."</i>
1	<b>predatory</b>	adj. relating to animals that hunt other animals for food.   <i>"His predatory crouch in the underbrush was flawless — patient, silent, and perfectly adapted to the frozen forest."</i>
1	<b>primordial</b>	adj. existing from the beginning of time.   <i>"A primordial instinct stirred deep within Buck as the howling of wolves rose across the frozen valley."</i>
1	<b>relentless</b>	adj. showing no signs of stopping or lessening.   <i>"The relentless Klondike cold pressed down on the sled team, turning every mile into a test of survival."</i>
1	<b>savagely</b>	adv. in a fierce or violent manner.   <i>"Buck fought savagely for his place in the pack, driven by a will no whip could ever break."</i>
1	<b>submissively</b>	adv. in a manner that shows willingness to obey.   <i>"The younger dogs lowered their heads submissively whenever Buck passed, acknowledging his uncontested leadership."</i>
1	<b>tenaciously</b>	adv. In a manner that is very determined to do something and not easily discouraged.   <i>"Buck tenaciously held his lead position, refusing to surrender it even after hours of punishing uphill trail."</i>
1	<b>transform</b>	v. to change completely in form or appearance.   <i>"The wilderness would slowly transform Buck from a pampered pet into something ancient and magnificently untamed."</i>
1	<b>unyielding</b>	adj. not giving way under pressure or hard to change.   <i>"The unyielding tundra offered no shelter, no mercy, and no reward to those who showed weakness."</i>