The Complete Works of Jack London: A Chronology

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This literary chronology is a good way to appreciate the author-adventurer's extensive travels and colorful life story as reflected in his literary output. It is a useful supplement to my lectures on 'Jack London in the South Seas' including his time in Hawaii and his sailing forays throughout the vast South Pacific. His Pacific Oceania experiences on the *Snark* voyage are specifically reflected in the many works of the last few years of his life as well as those published posthumously.

1893 (age 17)
Short Story:
'A Typhoon Off the Coast of Japan' (written under the name John London just after his return from his Pacific sailing voyage on the *Sophia Sutherland* - winning a contest held by the *San Francisco Call* newspaper. The $25 prize was more money than he had ever seen and convinced him that life as a writer would be far preferable to his previous manual jobs of grueling physical labor which guaranteed a life of hardship and crushing poverty)

1895 (age 19, whilst back in high school in Oakland, having returned to finish and get his diploma after the *Sophia Sutherland* Pacific sealing voyage)
Short Stories:
'Frisco Kid's Story' (published in *The High School Aegis*)
'Sakaicho, Hona Asi and Hakadaki' (published in *The High School Aegis*)
'A Night's Swim in Yeddo Bay' (published in *The High School Aegis*; early version of 'In Yeddo Bay')
'Who Believes in Ghosts!' (published in *The High School Aegis*; originally titled 'Ghostly Chess Game')
'And 'Frisco Kid Came Back' (published in *The High School Aegis*)
'One More Unfortunate' (published in *The High School Aegis*)

1897
Short Stories:
'Two Gold Bricks' (published in *The Owl*)
'O Haru' (posthumously published in 1993 in The Complete Short Stories of Jack London)
'The Mahatma's Little Joke' (posthumously published 1993)
'The Strange Experience of a Misogynist' (posthumously published 1993)
'The Plague Ship' (posthumously published 1993)

1898
Short Stories:
'A Dream Image' (posthumously published in 1993 in The Complete Short Stories of Jack London).
'The Devil's Dice Box' (posthumously published in 1976 in *Saturday Evening Post*)
'The Test: A Clondyke Wooing' (posthumously published 1983)
'A Klondike Christmas' (posthumously published 1983)

1899
Short Stories:
'To the Man on the Trail: A Klondike Christmas' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'The White Silence' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'The Son of the Wolf' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'The Men of Forty-Mile' (published in *Overland Monthly*)

'A Thousand Deaths' (published in *The Black Cat*)
'An Old Soldier's Story' (published in *Orange Judd Farmer*)
'In a Far Country' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'The Priestly Prerogative' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'The Handsome Cabin Boy' (published in *The Owl* magazine)
'The Wife of a King' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'In the Time of Prince Charley' (published in *Conkey's Home Journal*)
'Old Baldy' (published in *Orange Judd Farmer*)
'The Rejuvenation of Major Rathbone' (published in *Conkey's Home Journal*)
'The King of Mazy May' (published in *The Youth's Companion*)
'The Wisdom of the Trail' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'A Daughter of the Aurora' (published in *San Francisco Wave*)
'Pluck and Pertinacity' (magazine publication)
'Two Children of Israel' (fragment posthumously published 2015 in Studies in American Naturalism)

Poetry:

'A Heart'
'He Chortled with Glee'
'If I Were God'

1900

Short Story Collections:

The Son of the Wolf
The God of His Fathers & Other Stories

Short Stories:

'An Odyssey of the North' (published in *The Atlantic Monthly*)
'A Lesson in Heraldry' (published in The National Magazine)
'The End of the Chapter' (published in *San Francisco News Letter*)
'Uri Bram's God' (published in *San Francisco Examiner*)
'Even Unto Death' (published in *The Evening Post Magazine*)
'Grit of Women' (published in *McClure's Magazine*)
'Jan, the Unrepentant' (published in *Outing*)
'Their Alcove' (published in *The Woman's Home Companion*)
'The Man With the Gash' (published in *McClure's Magazine*)
'The Proper 'Girlie'' (published in *The Smart Set*)
'Thanksgiving on Slav Creek' (published in *Harper's Bazaar*)
'Dutch Courage' (published in *The Youth's Companion*)
'Where the Trail Forks' (published in *Outing*)
'The Great Interrogation' (published in *Ainslee's Magazine*)
'Semper Idem' (published in *The Black Cat*)
'A Northland Miracle' (not published until 1926, posthumously, in *The Youth's Companion*)

Non-Fiction/Essays:

'What Communities Lose by the Competitive System'
'The Impossibility of War'.
'Phenomena of Literary Evolution'
'A Letter to Houghton Mifflin Co.'
'Husky, Wolf Dog of the North'

1901

Short Story Collections:

The God of His Fathers & Other Stories

Short Stories:

'A Relic of the Pliocene' (published in *Collier's Weekly*)
'Siwash' (published in Ainslee's Magazine)
'The Law of Life' (published in *McClure's Magazine*)
'The Lost Poacher' (published in *The Youth's Companion*)
'At the Rainbow's End' (published in *The Pittsburg Labor Leader*)
'The Scorn of Woman' (published in *Overland Monthly*)
'The Minions of Midas' (published in Pearson's Magazine)
'The God of His Fathers' (published in McClure's Magazine)
'Chris Farrington: Able Seaman' (published in The Youth's Companion)
'A Hyperborean Brew' (published in Metropolitan Magazine)
'Bald Face' (published in The Aegis)

Poetry:

'Daybreak'.
'Effusion'
'Sonnet'

Non-Fiction/Essays:

'Editorial Crimes – A Protest'

1902

Novels:

A Daughter of the Snows
The Cruise of the Dazzler

Short Story Collections:

Children of the Frost.

Short Stories:

'Keesh, Son of Keesh' (published in *Ainslee's Magazine*)
'To Build a Fire' (first version - published in *The Youth's Companion*; revised in 1908)
'An Adventure in the Upper Sea' (published in The Independent)
'Diable — A Dog' (published in The Cosmopolitan; renamed Bâtard in 1904)
'To Repel Boarders' (published in St. Nicholas)
'The 'Fuzziness' of Hoockla-Heen' (published in The Youth's Companion)
'Moon-Face' (published in The Argonaut)
'Nam-Bok, the Liar' (published in Ainslee's Magazine)
'Li Wan the Fair' (published in The Atlantic Monthly)
'The Master of Mystery' (published in Out West)
'In the Forests of the North' (published in Pearson's Magazine)
'The Sunlanders'.
'The Death of Ligoun'.
'The Story of Jees Uck' (published in The Smart Set)
'The Sickness of Lone Chief' (published in Out West)
'The League of the Old Men' (published in Brandur Magazine)
'Lost Face'.

Poetry:
‘Where the Rainbow Fell’

1903
Novels:
The Call of the Wild - worldwide fame would follow this novel based on Yukon adventures
The Kempton-Wace Letters (co-authored with Anna Strunsky)
Non-Fiction:
'The People of the Abyss'
Short Stories:
‘In Yeddo Bay’ (published in St. Nicholas; written 1902)
‘The One Thousand Dozen’ (published in The National Magazine; written 1902)
‘The Shadow and the Flash’ (published in The Bookman; written 1902)
‘The Faith of Men’ (published in Sunset Magazine; written 1902)
‘The Leopard Man's Story’ (published in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly; written 1902)
‘The Marriage of Lit-Lit’ (written 1902)
‘Local Color’ (written 1902)
‘Too Much Gold’ (written 1902)
‘Amateur Night’ (written 1902)
‘The Dominant Primordial Beast’ (written 1902)
‘Keesh, The Bear Hunter’ (published in holiday magazine; written 1902)
Non-Fiction/Essays:
‘How I Became a Socialist’.
Poetry:
‘The Song of the Flames’

1904
Novels:
The Sea-Wolf - his 2nd highly successful work, based on his adventures at sea on the *Sophia Sutherland* and the many salty characters he met at Heinold's First and Last Chance Saloon on the Oakland wharf
Short Story Collections:
The Faith of Men and Other Stories
Short Stories:
‘The Banks of the Sacramento’ (published in magazine).

1905
Novels:
The Game
Short Story Collections:
Tales of the Fish Patrol
Non-Fiction:
War of the Classes (essay collection)
Short Stories:
‘White and Yellow’ (published in magazine)
‘The King of the Greeks’ (published in magazine)
‘A Raid on the Oyster Pirates’ (published in magazine)
‘The Siege of the 'Lancashire Queen'‘ (published in magazine)

‘Charley's Coup’ (published in magazine)
‘Demetrios Contos’ (published in magazine)
‘Yellow Handkerchief’ (published in magazine)
‘Love of Life’ (published in magazine; collected 1907)
‘The Sun-Dog Trail’ (published in magazine).
Poetry:
‘The Republican Battle-Hymn’
‘When All the World Shouted my Name’
‘The Gift of God’.

1906
Novels:
White Fang - this 2nd gripping 'dog novel' would cement his global reputation as a leading writer in the naturalist style
Short Story Collections:
Love of Life and Other Stories
Moon-Face and Other Stories
Plays:
'The Scorn of Women'
Non-Fiction:
'The Story of an Eyewitness'
Short Stories:
‘Planchette’ (published in magazine).
‘The Unexpected’ (published in magazine)
‘Brown Wolf’ (published in magazine)
‘The Apostate’ (published in magazine)
‘Up the Slide’ (published in magazine)
‘A Wicked Woman’ (published in magazine)
‘The White Man's Way’ (published in magazine)
‘The Wit of Porportuk’ (published in magazine)
Poetry:
‘The Way of War’

1907
Novels:
Before Adam
Non-Fiction:
'A Royal Sport: Surfing at Wakiki' (published in *A Woman's Home Companion* - introduced surfing to the USA; later re-published as a chapter in The Cruise of the Snark in 1911)
'The Road' (autobiographical memoir)
Short Stories:
‘When God Laughs’ (published in magazine)
‘Just Meat’ (published in magazine)
‘Created He Them’ (published in magazine)
‘Morganson's Finish’ (published in magazine)
‘A Day's Lodging’ (published in magazine)
‘Negore the Coward’ (published in magazine)
‘Chased by the Trail’ (published in magazine)

1908

Novels:

The Iron Heel (his most famous dystopian/sci-fi novel)

Martin Eden (autobiographical novel first published in serialized form in 1908, novel published 1909)

Short Stories:

'A Curious Fragment' (published in *Town Topics*)

'To Build a Fire' (2nd version - first published in 1908, re-wrote the freezing-to-death ending, in Hawaii!)

1909

Non-Fiction:

Revolution, and other Essays (essay collection)

1910

Novels:

Burning Daylight

Short Story Collections:

Lost Face

Plays:

Theft

Non-Fiction:

Revolution and Other Essays

Short Stories:

'Chun Ah Chun' (published in magazine)

'The Terrible Solomons' (published in magazine)

'The Inevitable White Man' (published in magazine)

'The Unparalleled Invasion' (published in McClure's Magazine)

'Winged Blackmail' (published in magazine)

'When the World was Young' (published in Saturday Evening Post)

'The Benefit of the Doubt' (published in magazine)

'Under the Deck Awnings' (published in magazine)

'Yah! Yah! Yah!' (published in magazine)

'Goliah: A Utopian Essay' (published in The Bookman; chapbook circa 1973)

1911

Novels:

Adventure

Short Story Collections:

South Sea Tales

When God Laughs and Other Stories

Non-Fiction:

The Cruise of the Snark (autobiographical memoir)

'Small-Boat Sailing' (a combined autobiographical and technical piece on the joys and techniques of handling small sailboats, especially on San Francisco Bay, first appearing in magazines) and later collected in the book The Human Drift in 1917)

Short Stories:

'The 'Francis Spaight'' (published in magazine)

'The Hobo and the Fairy' (published in magazine)

'The Strength of the Strong' (published in magazine)

‘The Eternity of Forms’ (published in magazine)
‘A Son of the Sun’ (published in magazine)
‘The Taste of the Meat’ (published in magazine)
‘The Proud Goat of Aloysius Pankburn’ (published in magazine)
‘The Meat’ (published in magazine)
‘The Night Born’ (published in magazine)
‘War’ (published in magazine)
‘The Goat Man of Fuatino’ (published in magazine)
‘The Stampede to Squaw Creek’ (published in magazine)
‘The Mexican’ (published in magazine)
‘Shorty Dreams’ (published in magazine)
‘A Little Account with Swithin Hall’ (published in magazine)
‘A Goboto Night’ (published in magazine)
‘The Man on the Other Bank’ (published in magazine)
‘The Pearls of Parlay’ (published in magazine)
‘The Race for Number Three’ (published in magazine)
‘The End of the Story’ (published in magazine)
‘The Jokers of New Gibbon’ (published in magazine)
‘By the Turtles of Tasman’ (published in magazine)
‘The Little Man’ (published in magazine)
‘The Unmasking of the Cad’ (published in magazine)

Poetry:

‘The Mammon Worshippers’
‘The Worker and the Tramp’
‘In and Out’

1912

Short Story Collections:

A Son of the Sun
Smoke Bellew
The House of Pride and Other Stories

Novels:

The Scarlet Plague (dystopian novel published 1915, but first serialized in 1912)

Short Stories:

'The Hanging of Cultus George’ (published in magazine)
'The Mistake of Creation’ (published in magazine)
‘A Flutter in Eggs’ (published in magazine)
‘The Sea-Farmer’ (published in magazine)
‘The Feathers of the Sun’ (published in magazine)
‘The Town-Site of Tra-Lee’ (published in magazine)
‘Wonder of Woman’ (published in magazine)
‘The Prodigal Father’ (published in magazine)
‘The Captain of the Susan Drew’ (published in magazine)

Poetry:

‘My Confession’
‘The Socialist's Dream’
‘Too Late’

1913

Novels:

The Valley of the Moon

The Abysmal Brute

Short Story Collections:

The Night-Born

Non-Fiction in novelized form:

John Barleycorn (autobiographical memoir on alcoholism).

Short Stories:

'Samuel' (published in magazine).

'The Sea-Gangsters' (published in magazine).

Poetry:

‘Abalone Song’

‘Cupid's Deal’

‘George Sterling’

‘His Trip to Hades’

‘Hors de Saison’

‘Memory’

‘Moods’

‘Weasel Thieves’

‘The Lover's Liturgy’

1914

Novels:

The Mutiny of the Elsinore

Short Story Collections:

The Strength of the Strong

Non-Fiction:

'Mexico's Army and Ours'

'Lawgivers'

'Our Adventures in Tampico'

'Stalking the Pestilence

'The Red Game of War'

'The Trouble Makers of Mexico'

'With Funston's Men'

Short Stories:

'Told in the Drooling Ward' (published in magazine)

Poetry:

‘And Some Night’

‘Ballade of the False Lover’

‘Homeland’

‘My Little Palmist’

‘Rainbows End’

‘The Klondyker's Dream’

‘Your Kiss’

1915
Novels:
The Scarlet Plague
The Star Rover (published in England as The Jacket).
The Little Lady of the Big House
Poetry:
'Gold'.
'Of Man of the Future'
'On the Face of the Earth You are the One'
'The Return of Ulysses'
'Tick! Tick! Tick!'

1916 (died November 22, age 40)
Novels:
The Little Lady of the Big House
Short Story Collections:
The Turtles of Tasman
Plays:
'The Acorn Planter: A California Forest Play'
Non-Fiction:
'My Hawaiian Aloha' (essay; his last magazine piece and among his most famous personal essays).
Short Stories:
'The Hussy' (published in magazine).
Poetry:
'The Sea Sprite and the Shooting Star'
''Republican Rallying Song'

POSTHUMOUS:

1917
Novels:
Jerry of the Islands
Michael, Brother of Jerry
Short Story Collections:
The Human Drift (also contains the collected essay compilation entitled 'Small Boat Sailing" - see 1911)
Short Stories:
'Man of Mine' (published in magazine)
'Like Argus of the Ancient Times' (published in magazine)
'Jerry of the Islands' (excerpt of novel)

1918
Novels:
Hearts of Three (novelization of a script).
Short Story Collections:
The Red One
Short Stories:
'The Red One' (published in *Cosmopolitan*)

'When Alice Told Her Soul' (published in *Cosmopolitan*)
'The Princess' (published in *Cosmopolitan*)
'The Tears of Ah Kim' (published in *Cosmopolitan*)
'The Water Baby' (published in *Cosmopolitan* - became perhaps his most acclaimed Hawaiian story)
'In the Cave of the Dead' (published in *Cosmopolitan*; reprinted as 'Shin-Bones' in On the Makaloa Mat)

1919
Short Story Collections:
On the Makaloa Mat
Short Stories:
'On the Makaloa Mat' (published in *Cosmopolitan*)
'The Bones of Kahekili' (published in *Cosmopolitan*)

1922
Short Story Collection:
Dutch Courage and Other Stories
Short Stories:
'Whose Business Is to Live' (published in magazine).

1924
Short Stories:
'Eyes of Asia' (published in Cosmopolitan; part of the unfinished novel Cherry).

1926
Short Stories:
'A Northland Miracle' (published in *The Youth's Companion*; written 1900)

1963
Novel:
The Assassination Bureau, Ltd. (unfinished; completed by Robert L. Fish)

1993
Short Story Collection:
The Complete Short Stories of Jack London (including previously unpublished stories such as 'O Haru,' 'The Mahatma's Little Joke,' and others)

