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Jack London's novels and ruggedly individual life seemed to embody American hopes, frustrations and romantic longings in the turbulent first years of the 20th century, years infused with the wonder and excitement of great technological and historic change. His restless spirit, taste for a life of excitement and probing mind led him on a series of hard-edged adventures from the Klondike to the South Seas. Out of these sometimes harrowing experiences - and his fascination with the theories of such thinkers as Darwin, Spencer and Marx - came the inspiration for novels of adventure that would make him one of America's most popular writers. *The Call of the Wild*, considered by many London's greatest novel, is a gripping tale of a heroic dog who, thrust into the brutal life of the Alaska Gold Rush, ultimately faces a choice between living in man's world and returning to nature. Adventure and dog-story enthusiasts as well as students and devotees of American literature will find this classic work a thrilling, memorable reading experience.