Summertime is synonymous with traveling to fun destinations, nesting in a library reading novels that run the gamut, and touring museums of art, history, or science. Being a book lover I have fond memories of summers spent in the local libraries where I’ve visited, but you are probably wondering how I am going to connect the rest of these summer synonyms to Nobel Literature.

Think Rudyard Kipling and The Jungle Book comes to mind. This is easy to connect with Sunday afternoons spent in the local library reading novels that run the gamut, and with this book I will connect the rest of these summer synonyms to Nobel Literature.

Rudyard Kipling published this novel in 1897. The title is extracted from the ballad “Mary Ambree,” which starts, “When captains courageous, whom death could not daunt.” It began as a serial story in the November 1896 edition of McClure, an illustrated monthly periodical popular at the turn of the century in America. One focus of the periodical was to publish “novels in progress.” It is easy to imagine how this action-packed story was popular as a serial. My version is a paperback of the kind that is almost too small to hold in your hand, and the story takes only 157 pages. But what a wonderful 157 pages they are. Kipling quickly moves from the firm orders
standing orders
shelf ready processing
electronic ordering and invoicing
online order status
searchable order database
brief MARC record download
non-book fulfillment of video, audio, music
out-of-print service
quick and accurate fulfillment
personal customer service

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To recap: I have read the books, gone to Disney World, and toured a museum. Wow, I am on vacation.