In the snowy Green Mountains of Vermont, Rudyard Kipling spun tales of a boy raised by wolves in the steamy Indian jungle. The Bombay-born and British-educated author had married an American and built his dream house near her family in 1893. Here in the house he named Naulakha, Hindi for "priceless jewel," Kipling rejoiced in domesticity, nature and his newborn daughter, Josephine. Words flowed, and by the next year, he’d written The Jungle Book for her. The family’s idyll in the States was short-lived. But the popularity of Mowgli the man-cub endures. Disney’s remake of its 1967 animated Jungle Book opens April 15, and stars Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Scarlett Johansson, Idris Elba and newcomer Neel Sethi as Mowgli.