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The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins



Read Aloud Video

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What's It About?

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she steps forward to take her sister's place in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before—and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

Book 1 in a series of 3
Also a movie!
23 million copies sold!

Who Wrote It?

In 1991, Suzanne Collins began her professional career writing for children's television. She worked on the staffs of several Nickelodeon shows, including the Emmy-nominated hit *Clarissa Explains it All* and *The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo*. Thinking one day about Alice in Wonderland, she was struck by how (in New York City) you're much more likely to fall down a manhole than a rabbit hole and, if you do, you're not going to find a tea party. What you might find...? Well, that's the story of Gregor the Overlander, the first book in her five-part fantasy/war series, *The Underland Chronicles*, which became a New York Times bestseller. It has been sold into 21 foreign territories.



Her next series, *The Hunger Games Trilogy*, is an international bestseller. The worldwide box for the entire franchise was nearly 3 billion. Her books have sold over 100 million copies worldwide.

AR Reading Level: 5.3

Lexile Level: 810L

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