THE HUNGER GAMES

by Suzanne Collins

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



In this post-apocalyptic future, society has drastically changed for the worse. The capitol of Panem is split in to 12 districts that with many different qualities. Main character, Katniss Everdeen, has to hunt and work drastically everyday to try and manage her helpless family, physically and financially. Every year, a competition between one boy and one girl in every district, ages twelve to eighteen fight to the death on live TV, trying to survive by the best of their abilities, all to entertain the citizens the capitol. Katniss takes her defenseless 12 year old sister's place to get drafted in to the hunger games. Not only is she fighting for her future, she's fighting for the life of her struggling, impotent family.

I'm so glad I've finally come to read this book because the story is perfectly paced and Suzanne Collins never failed to surprise me with plot twists, heartbreaking moments, and endless amounts of suspense. This whole story is SO entertaining and I've read a handful of YA dystopian books in my life but The Hunger Games has to be one of my favorites by far.

One thing I really loved about this book is how I could never bring myself to hate any of the characters! Although there wasn't much character development from Katniss since she's already so used to being the main provider in her family, she is willing to do anything to fight for them and had amazing strategy throughout the whole book. And yes i do wish we got more Rue time.

Should people read this book? Yes. I think any kind of reader would enjoy the storytelling, action, and the feeling of eagerness to keep reading this book. Overall, I do think this book deserves all the hype that it gets, I really am excited to read the rest of the series and I'm so glad this book got recommended to me because I would definitely recommend to others of all ages!!

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