

CATCHING FIRE

by Suzanne Collins

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



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In "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins, which is the second book of the "Hunger Games" trilogy, the protagonist Katniss Everdeen returns with Peeta into the arena for the third Quarter Quell, which happens every 25 years. For this Quarter Quell, victors from years past come back into the arena. Katniss and her mockingjay have become the symbol for the revolution from the districts. However, unlike the previous Hunger Games where Haymitch, their mentor, was favoring Katniss' survival, Katniss makes Haymitch promise that this time, he will ensure Peeta's survival. Suzanne ingeniously adds dangerous twists behind every safe-looking stone, so to say.

I think that people should read this book if they enjoy reading about heroines fighting against corrupt governments. I enjoyed the book because it speaks of a girl strong enough to fight because of her love for her friends and family, but also for her entire District 12 community. Because of this, not only District 12 but all of the districts thank her and trust her to bring a change for the better.

The part that strikes me the most, though, is that Katniss isn't perfect. She has her flaws; real flaws, not misbeliefs. She is defensive, aggressive, and distrusting, and all of these defects make her seem human. Because she has her flaws, the reader is compelled to adore her, and that is important. I admire the author for including these flaws, because it was dangerous to risk making Katniss unlikable.

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