

**Book Title: *The Hunger Games***  
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*The Hunger Games* has captured the attention of millions of movie lovers all over the globe. What is all the hype about? Many authors have had success writing about futuristic dystopias, from George Orwell to Ray Bradbury, the genre, of futuristic totalitarian fantasy, draws the attention of many people. Suzanne Collins formed a great story that reaches out to this very popular genre. If fantasy stories are your preference this novel should be considered on your list, for the story is suspenseful and easy to read.

The society that the novel follows is divided into 12 different city-states, called districts. Each district has a unique form of specialized labor from mining to botany. Underlying the story is a plot of inequality and class subjugation. Every district is only as powerful and wealthy as their district's type of labor allows. To make matters worst the government hosts an annual game called The Hunger games. In these games two people, one male and female, from each district fight in a simulated arenas to the death. The story follows a young teen girl named Katniss Everdeen, who is selected to fight against nature and humans for her life. But Katniss Everdeen is not without luck and skill as she struggles to maintain her existence in the face of uncertainty and peril.

As a lover of fantasy books, the story alone was enough to create suspense and curiosity, but as a lover of good novels Suzanne Collins fails to create an interesting and unique plot. Although the story is original, we see *The Hunger Games* follow the archetype of all hero novels. The book was suspenseful enough to keep me reading, but the lack of details and conventional plot left me feeling unsatisfied at the end of the novel. Suzanne Collins adds femininity to a story that had potential to be very gruesome and violent. This story is recommended for young teens who love fantasy about futuristic societies.

Recommended books:

*Fahrenheit 451*

*Brave New World*

*Catching Fire*

*Mocking Jay*