

***Hunger Games***

**Suzanne Collins**

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This is the first book of the trilogy written by this author, it portrays poverty, sacrifice, survival, heroism, and love. The author does an excellent job to captivate readers; I ended up reading all three books in the series. I also rented the movie after reading the book and can't wait for the second movie to be released in December of 2013.

Every year, the Capitol of Panem society picked two children by lottery from each District to participate in the Hunger Games as their entertainment. Katniss went in place of her younger sister who was initially chosen in the lottery and is joined by Peeta who is secretly in love with her. During the course of the Hunger Games, the two characters immediately bond and grow more affectionate towards each other through many near death experiences. But at home waiting for Katniss is Gale who she loves very dearly and has known him for a very long time. The question of who would she chooses if she survived the Hunger Games is one of the reasons to keep the readers in suspense.

I love this book and the author is a very talented writer but I wouldn't recommend this book to children under 12 years old. This book has a lot of violence and the killing in the movie is very brutal and it's sad to think that this could happen in real life. I would also recommend this book to anyone that likes fantasy and adventure books. It is a great series and I am sure anyone that reads it will enjoy it.

Recommended Book List:

*Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer

*The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis

*The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger