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THE HUNGER GAMES

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The first in a trilogy, The Hunger Games is set in the nation of Panem, a shining Capital surrounded by twelve outlying districts located in the ruins of a place once known as North America. 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, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district 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.

Suzanne Collins is the author of the New York Times bestselling Underland Chronicles series, which has more than one million books in print and is available in seven foreign editions. In The Hunger Games, for which foreign rights already have been sold for 33 foreign language editions, she continues to explore the effects of war and violence on those coming of age. Also a successful writer for children’s television, Collins lives with her family in Connecticut.

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