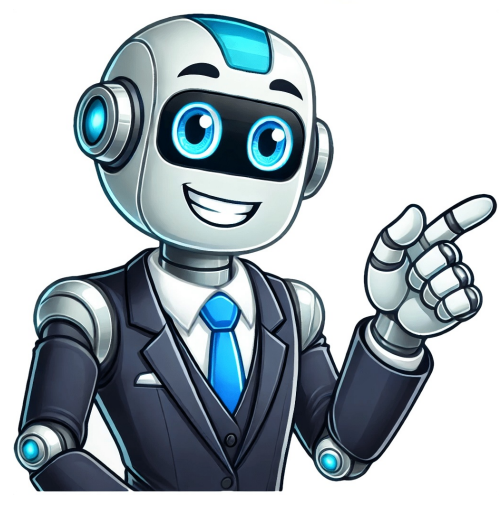


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their cave, resting and recovering, or hunting and foraging nearby. Thresh's cannon signifying his death like Peeta and Katniss are trapped in their cave due to the bad weather. Foxface is killed after she steals and eats nightlock berries that Peeta needed, not knowing that they were deadly.On the final day of the games, the river that runs through their cave runs dry. They see this as a sign that the Gamemakers are gathering the three remaining tributes to the lake near the Cornucopia. This is where they find a frantic Cato running from giant Capitol mutations, human-like wolves who turn out to be in some form that resemble the dead tributes. The final showdown on top of the Cornucopia has Cato trying to use Peeta to stop Katniss from killing him. He ultimately fails as Katniss pierces his hand and falls down to the mutations below the Cornucopia. He does not die and is merely tortured continuously by the mutations because of his armor which most likely came from his district pack. Cato is severely wounded by the mutts and finally killed by Katniss with an arrow through the head. His cannon fires, and Katniss and Peeta are unsure why they are not being announced victors.Claudius Templesmith then announces that there can only be one victor, revoking the previously placed rule. As a way to defy the Gamemakers, Katniss introduces the idea of suicide with the nightlock berries to Peeta, in the hope that the Capitol would rather have 2 victors than none. Peeta agrees, and just as they are about to consume the berries, they are hastily declared the winners. However, the Capitol becomes angry with Katniss and claims she was sparking rebellion by "outsmarting" the Gamemakers and therefore defying the Capitol. When Haymitch tells Katniss this, she sees it as her job to reverse it to save the ones she loves so she layers the madly-in love act very thick in order to convince them that she did this for her future with Peeta.Upon going home, Peeta and Katniss start drifting apart when she tells him she knew when Haymitch would send her sponsorship gifts and survived most of the Games that way. Katniss' thoughts are in turmoil; she is conflicted about her feelings for Peeta and is incapable of sorting out what felt real and what didn't. Peeta offers his hand to Katniss, conveying his hurt by saying "One more time? For the audience?" She obliges, and the book ends with her dread of finally letting go of the boy who she feels is slowly slipping away from her.CharactersKatniss Everdeen The story's main protagonist, a sarcastic, determined and strong-willed sixteen-year-old. Katniss lives in the coal-mining town of District 12, one of the poorer districts, and lives in the part nicknamed the Seam. She often hunts outside of the District's walls in order to feed her family. Her father was a coal miner who died in a mine accident. When Katniss' sister Primrose is picked from the reaping for the Hunger Games, Katniss volunteers to take her place. Her hunting and archery skills are key assets to her in the Hunger Games. She has straight dark brown hair, light gray eyes, olive-colored skin and usually wears her hair in a braid down her back. She is nicknamed Catnip by her best friend, Gale, when they meet for the first time in the woods hunting.Peeta Mellark The male tribute from District 12. Peeta is a baker's son and works at the bakery in the Seam, where he decorates the cakes. He has been in love with Katniss since they were five years old, and he once saved her and her family from starving. Peeta is characterized by a likable personality, strategy, and selflessness. He has blond hair and bright blue eyes, unlike the people from the Seam, the poor part of District 12 where Katniss lives, who have darker hair and grey eyes.Gale Hawthorne The best friend of Katniss, she and Gale met when she was only twelve and he was fourteen after both of their fathers died in the same mining explosion. Gale hunts with Katniss in the forest, usually everyday. Katniss mistakenly assumed their relationship was not romantic.Cinna He is Katniss' stylist, and later becomes a close friend of Katniss. Cinna is clever and supportive. He resides in the Capitol. He makes stunning outfits for her including, the tribute parade costume, the interview dress, and bright yellow homecoming dress. Although Cinna lives in The Capitol he is not flamboyant like the rest of the citizens.Portia She is Peeta's stylist and works with Cinna to design Katniss and Peeta's outfits. She is a Capitol citizen.Rue The tribute from District 11. Small and bird-like, she is largely underestimated in the games, but her knowledge of trees and how to hide keeps her alive longer than expected. She also reminds Katniss of Prim. She warns Katniss about the tracker jacker beehive, mutations that were once set out by the Capitol to help destroy the rebellion. Unfortunately, Rue was killed by the boy tribute from District 1, Marvel, who had thrown a spear into her stomach. Katniss sang Rue to sleep, and then death. After Rue closed her eyes and the cannon was fired, Katniss gathered flowers and covered Rue with them, showing the Gamemakers that she was 'more than just a piece in the games'. She also sang a song that she had learned, from her father. Throughout the books, Katniss mentions Rue on numerous accounts. Katniss had a special connection to Rue because she reminded Katniss of her beloved sister Prim.Cato The brutal District 2 male tribute. Described as a "ruthless killing machine," he is extremely strong and was the most likely choice of a winner. He, Katniss, and Peeta were the last three tributes to face the mutated wolf-like creatures resembling the deceased tributes. Cato had been weakened by the mutations. Katniss and Peeta hid on top of the Cornucopia for one last night in the arena waiting for the cannon signaling Cato's death, but it didn't come. At last, he emerged as a "raw hunk of meat." After hours of moaning and groaning, Katniss decided to end his misery by shooting an arrow into his skull.Clove The dangerous female tribute from District 2. She is proficient in knife throwing, as she was the one who killed the male tribute from District 9, who had been the first tribute to die in the Games. She was the fifth last person to die and went to the "feast" at the Cornucopia (where she was killed), having Cato guarding her. Clove seemed to have a connection to Cato. After admitting she had some involvement in the killing of Thresh's district partner, Rue, Thresh fractures her skull with a rock "the size of a small loaf of bread." She dies in Cato's arms, as Katniss flees for her life.Foxface Known by no other name, the red-head from District 5 is wily and elusive. Though she doesn't have brute strength or proficiency in weaponry use, her superior intellect became her vital tool in the Games. She is described as sly and good at stealing. Foxface was the only tribute who didn't kill any other tribute. Foxface figured out how to steal from the Career's supplies. She's killed by accident by the poisonous berry Nightlock when stealing food from Peeta and Katniss. She placed fourth in the Games overall.Thresh The huge and dangerous male tribute from District 11 keeps to himself. He disappeared during the first part of the Games. This made him even more dangerous because he was hiding out in a wheat field with adequate shelter and food. He spared Katniss' life because she was friends with Rue. It was implied that he was killed by Cato, but this is unknown.Glimmer The female tribute from District 1, who was very beautiful and sexy, had long blonde hair and emerald green eyes. She was killed by Katniss' tracker jacker attack, when she foolishly swatted at the mutations in an effort to protect herself. She provided her DNA for making a mutation, her mutation was killed by Katniss when it tried to climb the Cornucopia.Marvel The male tribute from District 1, who was a part of the Career pack. He was killed an arrow through the neck from Katniss, after he killed Rue by spearing her in the stomach. Katniss doesn't learn his name was Marvel until Catching Fire.Haymitch Abernathy Katniss and Peeta's mentor. Haymitch is the only currently living survivor of the Games of the two victors from District 12. Dangerous and cunning, Haymitch was mostly drunk, with a glass in one hand and knife in the other. It is discovered that he has a habit of sleeping with a knife in his hand. He promised he would sober up long enough to provide advice for Katniss and Peeta. He sends Katniss gifts throughout the book to help her survive.Effie Trinket! The escort for the tributes of District 12, Katniss and Peeta. She is very prim and proper, and is known for having a distinct Capitol accent. Manners are very important to her as well as keeping an immaculate schedule. She dresses flamboyantly as she is a resident of the Capitol. She helps organize sponsor gifts alongside Haymitch to send Katniss during the games. She also chose the tributes during the Reaping of the 74th Hunger Games. She tried to help Peeta and Katniss with their manners and etiquette but was appalled at Katniss' deliberate rudeness at times. As a result, she quickly grew frustrated and gave up.Primrose "Prim" Everdeen The younger sister and the only sibling of Katniss Everdeen. In the first book of the series, she is only twelve, and against the odds, she is chosen. She owns a goat named Lady and a cat named Buttercup. Lady provides dairy for the Everdeen family. Unlike her older sibling in many aspects, Prim has a heart full of compassion and an affinity for healing. Prim had been originally chosen as a tribute, until Katniss volunteered to take her place.Asterid Everdeen - Asterid Everdeen is the mother of Katniss. She went through a great depression because of the death of her husband in the mining accident. She abandoned her children by closing herself up in her bedroom to stare at the walls, not eating for days, ignoring their hunger, and pleading for interaction for months afterward. As a result of her neglect, Katniss was left with the difficult tasks of supporting the family by finding ways to forage and hunt, eventually trading for what they needed as well. She has blonde hair and blue eyes with light colored skin, characteristics common to the Merchant area of District 12 where she was born and raised.Flavius A member of Katniss' prep team. He has orange corkscrew locks and wears purple lipstick. Flavius is in charge of hair styling Vonia A member of Katniss' prep team. Has turquoise hair and gold tattoos above her eyebrows.Octavia A member of Katniss' prep team. Has pea green skin.ReceptionSalesAfter writing the novel, Collins signed a six-figure deal for three books with Scholastic in 2006. The first book originally had a 50,000 first printing which was then increased, twice, to 200,000 copies.[2] As of February 11, 2010, The Hunger Games has sold 800,000 copies and 26 foreign editions; rights to the novel have been sold in 38 territories.[3] The novel entered the New York Times Best Seller list in November 2008,[4] and would remain there for more than 100 consecutive weeks.[5] As of March 2012, the book had 17.5 million copies in print.[6]Critical response"The Hunger Games is a violent, jarring, speed-rap of a novel that generates nearly constant suspense... I couldn't stop reading."Stephen King, Entertainment Weekly[7]"I was so obsessed with this book I had to take it with me out to dinner and hide it under the edge of the table so I wouldn't have to stop reading. The story kept me up for several nights in a row, because even after I was finished, I just lay in bed wide awake thinking about it. ...The Hunger Games is amazing."Stephenie Meyer, author of the Twilight Saga[8]"Brilliantly plotted and perfectly paced."John Green, The New York Times Book Review[9]"BEST".CHILDREN'S BOOKS. EVER."Jon Scieszka, NewsweekControversyThe novel has been criticized for its similarities to the 1999 Japanese novel Battle Royale, which is about junior high school students forced to fight to the death by a repressive government. Suzanne Collins said in a statement, "I had not heard of Battle Royale until my book was turned into Scholastic."[10]AudiobookMain article: The Hunger Games audiobookThe novel has had two major English-language audiobook adaptations. The first was narrated by Carolyn McCormick, and the tenth anniversary version was done by Tatiana Maslany.SequelsMain article: Catching FireThe story continues in Catching Fire, which follows Katniss and Peeta as they try to survive in and out of yet another deadly Hunger Games, the Quarter Quell.Film adaptationMain article: The Hunger Games (film)Lions Gate Entertainment acquired worldwide distribution rights to a film adaptation of The Hunger Games, produced by Nina Jacobson's Color Force production company.[11][12] Suzanne Collins adapted the novel for film herself, with screenwriter Billy Ray revising it.[12] The film was directed by Gary Ross and released on March 23, 2012.International coversThe original black cover features an alternate version of the mockingjay pin designed by Tim O'Brien with the mockingjay holding an arrow in its beak.United Kingdom/AustraliaTriviaSuzanne Collins got the idea for the novel while channel surfing between a reality show competition and coverage of the Iraq War: I was tired, and the lines began to blur in this very unsettling way.[13]References 1.0 1.1 Hunger Games: The Hunger Games. 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