**Hunger Games**

**Suzanne Collins**

**Review**

As I finished reading my first book, I decided for a new one. When I noticed a story called Hunger Games for the first time it was a movie. The story was so interesting for me that the movie was not enough and there was some empty space of missing details and I needed to fill it by reading the book. There is more information in the book than the movie because everything that happens in 464 pages can not be transformed into over two hours movie. Then of course some details must be skipped but huge fan can still find them in the original pages of the book.

The book has three parts and more you read, more you get trapped in the future broken world where the new hope is born.

The future world is divided into 12 Districts of Panem, it used to be 13 Districts but the 13th wanted to start a rebellion and was destroyed. After the rebellion, which they called The War, people from the Capital created a TV show called Hunger Games. Every year one girl and one boy from 12 to 18 years old are chosen to fight to death in the Arena until one is left, crowned as the Victor.

The story begins when Katniss Everdeen from 12th District volunteers instead of her younger sister Prim, who just turned 12 years old and would not survive the Hungers Games but Katniss, 17 years old hunter who knows how to use bow and arrows has a bigger chance to survive. Volunteering is not unusual in Districts like one or two were they are also training for it from little age but for Katnisse´s District it is not usual. As her male partner have been chosen baker´s son Peeta Mellark. The two gets a previous winner from their District of the games Haymitch Abernathy to be their couch and teach them so they had even little chance to survive. The chances are not hight because the strongest „players“ know each other and will „help“ each other as long as it is advantageous cooperation. But not all of them have a hunger for fame and winning most of them just want to survive and go back home. During the show the kids, who will not be kids after this experience any more, are exploring a whole new world than they were used to. They are learning how to live in the lie, how to make new friends, discovering how it tastes to loose but still trying to win.

At the end of the first part and because it is a show which people of the Capitol love are changed rules. The President of the Hunger Games Seneca Crane with help of Haymitch notice that there was created a new teenage love between Katniss and Peeta, and changes rules so now there can be two winners from the same District. From Haymitch it is just a attempt to keep his people alive. But the Capitol´s renome would not survive such a failure like two winners and so closely before the end when there were left only Peeta and Katniss the rules were changed back, exactly like there were at the beginning. None of them is able to kill the other one and so Katniss decided that both of them will eat Nightlock berries, extremely poisonous berries which would kill both of them and the Capitol would have no winner. Which of course would be even bigger failure and so they have to deal with the fact that this year on 74th Hunger Games there are two Victors. An absolute disaster and act of the new rebellion for the President of the Panem Coriolanus Snow.

The author of the book is using people´s characteristics and their behavior from the real life and is covering it inside the sci-fi world. And like in every other book I have read before this excites me, the connection between our and sci-fi world even in the little hints.

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**The Hunger Games – Catching Fire**

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**Review**

Catching Fire is a second part of Hunger Games trilogy. And when I am comparing it to the first part, I think that the second part had a bigger tension. The mood in Panem started to change since the 74th Hunger Games and some Districts started to act rebelliously.

After Katniss and Peeta won 74th year of Hunger Games they returned home. As the winners they became rich, so they got better houses, money but the experience from games caused them something that no money could replace. Katniss was still experiencing very real feelings of how she took lives and both of them were having nightmares. It also changed relationship between Katniss and her close friend Gale. Even thou the romantic relationship between Katniss and Peeta was only an act and since they arrived they barely spoke to each other. Like every Victor, they had a hard task in front of them they had to go to the tour and visit every District of Panem and the last stop would be The Capitol and President Snow himself. Before the tour Katniss had an unpleasant visit. President Snow came to confront her in her own house. He told her, indirectly that she is a threat for him and that he does not believe their little act with Peeta and that she should convince him with the opposite.

During the tour they realised this act will never end and that anyone who wins the Games is the Capitol´s slave. They notice how the mood in Districts is changing, are witnesses of inhuman actions of Peacekeepers, who are more keeping „President´s peace of soul“ than the actual peace. And because they are stuck in this life forever and she needs to convince Snow. They deicide to get married. When they arrive home rules starts to change. If someone breaks any rule or is not likable gets punished, for example by flogging or being shot. Gale, Katnisse´s friend will be one of them and Katniss tries to stop the flogging, also Peeta and Haymitch will join her. It will be the exact spark and reason for President Snow to get rid of them.

This year there will be the 75th Hunger Games, and every 25 years the Games are somehow different, special, for example 25 years ago not two people from one District were chose but four people, two boys and two girls. These Games are going to have a new President as well the Plutarch Heavensbee who later shows up to be an ally. The new creative idea will be that the competitors will be choose from the present winners of previous Games. And so Katniss and Peeta are going to Arena again. This time it is much harder than before and if they want to survive they needs to make allies, because this people are professionals not a scared kids, and they are living in this world much longer than our young lovers. All that Katniss wishes is for Peeta to live but plans of heads of rebellion are different and some competitors are part of it as well. A lot of good people will die and hearts will be broken but the vision of better world is stonger and Katniss is the spark of it all, so they are doing everything for her survival.

At the end of second part and the beginning of something much bigger, Katniss with help will destroy the Arena and will be saved but Peeta will not be saved what will hurt her more as anyone could expect, because during this Games their love was no longer pretended. Another shock for her will be that the 12th District no longer exists, it was destroyed right after her last shot. Gale with her family and some other people got saved but a large amount of their people and their home have been wiped out. Also the 13th District survived, is living underground and waiting for opportunity to avenge their previous loose. And now with the help of angry Girl on Fire have the chance.

For me the Catching Fire had stronger emotion, because the first part was about meeting the world, getting to know the characters even thou we are getting to know them every part, they are changing, evolving, growing, but the first Games were only the beginnig for what comes later. Something much more terrifying that the first part. Now it is not only a game controlled by powerful people, but reality which can hit also the powerful ones.

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**Hunger Games:**

**Mockingjay**

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**Review**

The finale of The Hunger Games saga was something totally else than the previous two books. So many thinks had changed the characters, relationships, the places where the story was told. Also it had probably the strongest emotion and story did not let you sleep. A lot of important stuf happened and I try to write as much as possible.

Now the revolution had officially started. The main characters are far from their destroyed home, broken, kidnapped also tortured. Katniss, her sister Prim, who is learning to be a doctor, her mother, Gale and the rest what is left of 12th District are in 13th District, which surprisingly exists underground hiding, waiting for opportunity like this. During the Games some people connected with common goal to save Tha Girl on Fire who is the face of revolution, but the task is not easy and all that broken young girl wants is to save Peeta who is held by The Capitol with another people who were helping the rebels.

She makes a deal with the President Alma Coin, that she helps them when they save Peeta. And so she becomes the Mockingjay, who will share their vision through the whole Panem, she personally visits some of the Districts. She has her own crew who is taking care of her outfits and people who are recording all the horror which is happening and sharing it, making sure everybody knows. The cost is high and many lives are taken. But the President Coin keeps her word and saves Peeta and the rest, or more like the rest of Peeta. They absolutely changed him turned him against Katniss and made him a weapon against her.

When the rebellion is spread, the face of it is no longer needed and President Coin decides to pull her of but Katniss is well known for being herself, and so no one can stop her from her goal to kill President Snow. Now she faces the biggest threat, because President Snow made a Games in the streets of The Capitol. The crew where she belongs now is full of familiar faces whose lives are in big danger and many of them will not make it to the end but thanks to them the rest can. Part of the group is also Peeta who is slowly starting to act like a person.

After big loss when they are almost at the end of the journey Katniss gets hit by even bigger loss, her sister Prim dies in a trap which her friend Gale made, even thou he did not know they would use it. At a first sight it looks like attack from President Snow but he would never kill children without a reason and also how could he know about the trap. In that moment one long term friendship is broken. And Katniss realises that Coin is very similar to the Snow and that her being on the top would be changing one dictator for another. And when President Coin suggests The Last Hunger Games for the children of The Capitol she knows what to do.

Mockingjay is support to shot her last arrow to the Snow´s heart, but the arrow chooses another heart the President Coin´s, Snow is then killed by the people. People closest to Katniss are not surprised by her action and she is send back home to the 12th District with Haymitch, later Peeta arrives as well. And the two broken souls are on the way of healing, together.

I really like this story. The books and the movies as well. Both of them were made very well. The emotion is so strong that you can feel their pain, pieces of hope. You are living their lives with them and waiting, hoping for their happy ending, which is not always as we imagine but they ended up in free country, full of fixing, and together. And what was unthinkable before can become real now.

The possibilities for stories in this world are big and I have read that there should be something from the times when The President Snow was a young boy.

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