

APPENDIX I

BIOGRAPHY OF SUZANNE COLLINS

Suzanne Collins, born August 10, 1962, Hartford, Connecticut, U.S., American author and screenwriter, best known for the immensely popular Hunger Games series of young-adult novels. She is the youngest child in her family. The daughter of an Air Force officer, Collins moved a considerable amount during her childhood, living in places like New York City and Brussels. For the Collins family, history was an immensely important topic. Collins graduated from the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham in 1980 as a Theater Arts major. She completed her bachelor of art degree from Indiana University Bloomington in 1985 with a double major in theater and telecommunications. In 1989, Collins earned her Master of Fine Arts in dramatic writing from the New York University Tisch School of the Arts.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE HUNGER GAMES

This is a story about a teenage girl named Katniss who lives in district 12 of a post-apocalyptic North America called Panem. She lives with her mother and younger sister named Prim, as they struggle to find food and survive in such tough conditions. Each year as part of the punishment for a previous rebellion, each of the districts select a boy and a girl as tributes to compete in the Hunger Games, a battle royale with one survivor. Prim gets selected, but Katniss quickly volunteers to take her place, becoming one of the tributes for district 12 along with Peeta, the baker's son.

Katniss and Peeta are transported to the Capitol to be trained by their coach named Haymitch, the previous winner of the Hunger Games from district 12. Even though Haymitch is a drunkard but he is clever and proposes a strategy to fake a romantic relationship between Katniss and Peeta. Katniss and Peeta are dressed by their stylist named Cinna, who adorns them with flames for the opening ceremony. As they are paraded around the arena, the audience cheers. Over the next few days each of the tributes train with the specialized trainers, learning survival and combat skills. At the end of the training, each tribute is given a rating to help potential sponsors and betting. Peeta earns an eight while Katniss earns an eleven. As they prepare to enter the arena, Haymitch tells them that their best chance at surviving is to immediately run away when the game starts.

All of the contestants are then transported to the arena and the gong signals that the Hunger Games have begun. Immediately, Katniss is engulfed in a scene of killing as several of the contestants are attacked by the stronger tributes. Katniss reaches for a backpack and then runs towards the woods to hide. She is fortunate that the backpack has some basic survival supplies but she lacks water. As tributes are killed, a canon is fired to indicate their death.

Katniss continues to search for water and it looks like she will die of dehydration. She eventually finds water but sees a group of strong tributes walking together which she calls the Careers, with them is Peeta. The Careers led by a boy named Cato, trap Katniss in a tree but she decided to drop a nest of tracker jackers to the group, an insect with powerful venom. The swarm kills two girls, scares away the rest of the group and allows Katniss to escape even though she is also stung a few times. Katniss decided to take a bow and arrow set from one of the dead girls.

Peeta helps her escape from Cato but she is confused. She walks away but succumbs to the venom of the tracker jackers and falls asleep.

When Katniss wakes up, she collects herself and meets Rue, a small girl with acrobatic skills in the trees. They decide to work together against the Careers by destroying their supplies and food. As Rue lights a series of fires in the distance, Katniss destroys the suppliers by setting off the surrounding landmines. However, she loses hearing in one ear. She tries meet up with Rue, but Rue is killed by one of the Careers. Katniss avenges her, but it is too late.

An announcement is made that will allow two victors of the hunger games if they come from the same district which means that both Peeta and Katniss can win. This drives Katniss to find Peeta who is injured badly with a leg wound. Katniss takes care of Peeta's wound in a nearby cave and the two of them begin to get romantic with each other. The audience watching loves it and expresses their approval with a gift of food. As Peeta recovers, another announcement is made that each district will be given supplies at the Cornucopia, a center place in the area.

Since it's dangerous, Peeta doesn't want Katniss to go but she drugs him and goes alone. She tries to recover her supplies at the Cornucopia but she is attacked by one of the Careers. Just as Katniss is about to be killed, another tribute saves her to repaying her for helping Rue. Katniss goes back to the cave and uses the newly acquired serum in her supply pouch to save Peeta. Peeta recovers and the two decide to leave the cave. As they are gathering and hunting food, one of the other tributes girl that Katniss names as Foxface unknowingly eats poisonous berries that Peeta was gathering.

That leaves only three remaining tributes who are Katniss, Peeta, and Cato. Katniss and Peeta go to the Cornucopia to find Cato and he shows up but he is being chased by mutated dogs. Katniss realizes that the dogs are actually the tributes that were previously in the hunger games. They leave Cato to the dogs and he is killed. Katniss and Peeta are the last two tributes alive. However an announcement is made that there can only be one winner but the decision is then reversed when Katniss and Peeta try to poison themselves. Katniss and Peeta are declared the winners and they are taken back to the Capitol. Haymitch warns Katniss that their suicide stunt was not appreciated by the hunger games officials. Katniss and Peeta are interviewed and eventually get to go home.