

Book review - The Hunger Games

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This is a story surrounding 12 districts and the Capital. As a punishment for the failure of a rebellion, the districts must serve the Capital. In addition, one boy and one girl must be chosen as tributes from each district to take part in the annual Hunger Games as the reminder to the people that they could never win against the Capital.

This is the story of Katniss Everdeen, who volunteered to be one of the tributes representing district 12 in order to save her younger sister. Katniss then went on to try and survive by pretending to be in love with the tribute from district 12, Peeta Mellark, in the 74th Hunger Games.

As I read the book, I really felt the pain and agony of the people in the districts. Not only did they live in poverty, they had to watch, as a boy and a girl from their district struggled and were killed violently each year. They were like the toys of the Capital, the toys that could never escape from the cruel world that they lived in.

In addition, it was already bad enough for the people to watch the entire Hunger Games without a choice. What was worse was that the people were living in constant fear. Each year, all parents living in the same district feared that their child might be one of the “lucky” tributes sent off to fight to death in the Hunger Games. For a parent, to see his child killed is the worst thing that could happen. Yet, in the story, this fear was what made the Capital so scary and powerful. As they would say, “Fear always works”.

Also, the author completely captured the desperation and emotional struggle of the main character, Katniss. The fact that you have been chosen to take part in the Hunger Games and you can either give up and die or kill others for survival must be extremely difficult to accept. It is quite difficult to imagine the conflicts and hardships the characters endured. But the author managed to describe them all perfectly.

Indeed, this book is famous for a reason: I could barely put it down while I was reading it! The story itself is unique and the plot is always so exciting. This book is definitely one of the books that are worth your time reading them.