

APPENDIX I

Synopsis of “The Hunger Games” Novel

Katniss Everdeen wakes up on the day of the reaping, when the tributes are chosen who will take part in the Hunger Games. Her mother and little sister, Prim, sleep nearby. Her father died in a mine explosion years earlier. She goes hunting in the woods outside her district, District 12, with Gale, her best friend. That night, at the reaping ceremony, the mayor gives a speech describing how the governments of North America collapsed and the country of Panem rose up in their place. A war ensued between the Capitol and the districts. The Capitol won, and as a reminder of their defeat, the Capitol holds the Hunger Games every year. The mayor then introduces Haymitch Abernathy, District 12’s only living Hunger-Games winner, and he’s so drunk he ends up falling in his own vomit.

The district’s female tribute is chosen, and to Katniss’s horror, it’s Prim. Katniss volunteers immediately in Prim’s place. Then the male tribute is selected. It’s Peeta Mellark, and Katniss remembers how years earlier, while searching for food for her family in the garbage bins behind the town shops, Peeta gave her bread from his family’s bakery. Katniss credits him with saving her that day. Katniss and Peeta say goodbye to their friends and families and board a train for the Capitol. During the trip, she and Peeta convince Haymitch, their mentor in the Games and the person responsible for getting them gifts from sponsors, to take his duties seriously.

Once there, Katniss meets with her stylist, Cinna, who is designing her dress for the opening ceremony. At the ceremony, Katniss and Peeta wear simple black outfits lit with synthetic flames. The outfits are a huge hit with the audience and make Katniss and Peeta stand out among the tributes. The next day, Katniss and Peeta attend group training, and the tributes from rich districts who have trained for the Games their whole lives, called Career Tributes, show off their skills. Later, the tributes are interviewed by Caesar Flickerman, a television host. In his interview, Peeta reveals that he’s had a crush on Katniss for several years.

Finally the time comes. From a small underground room, Katniss is lifted into the arena and the Games officially begin. All the tributes are there, and in front of her is the Cornucopia, which houses an abundance of supplies. Rather than fight, she runs away as Haymitch advised. She hikes all day before making camp. After dark, someone starts a fire nearby, and it isn’t long before a pack of Career Tributes arrives and kills the person. To Katniss’s shock, Peeta is with them. The next day Katniss goes in search of water. She walks for hours and collapses from exhaustion, but ultimately she finds a stream. She’s woken in the night by a wall of fire moving in her direction, and as she runs away one of the numerous fireballs falling around her grazes her leg, injuring it.

That night, while she hides in a tree from the pack of Careers below, she notices a young girl named Rue from District 11 in a nearby tree. Rue points out a nest of tracker jackers, wasps engineered by the Capitol to be lethal, over Katniss's head, and Katniss cuts the branch holding the nest, dropping it onto the Careers. Two of them die from the stings and the rest scatter. Katniss is stung a few times as well, but as she's running away, she remembers one of the girls who died had a bow and arrows, the weapons she's become proficient with from hunting. She runs back to retrieve them, and Peeta happens to arrive as she's grabbing the bow. He yells at Katniss to run just as Cato, a very large and dangerous Career from District 2, shows up. Peeta stops him so Katniss can escape, and she passes out in a ditch shortly after.

Katniss encounters Rue again, and the two quickly form a bond. They are able to get food hunting and foraging, and Katniss realizes that the Careers would have difficulty surviving without the supplies at the Cornucopia, so she and Rue devise a plan. While Rue lights decoy fires, Katniss sneaks up to the Cornucopia. The supplies are in a pyramid away from the main camp, and after the Careers leave to investigate the fires, Katniss manages to blow up the supplies by cutting open a bag of apples with her arrows, which sets off the mines set to protect the pyramid. When Katniss doesn't find Rue at their meeting spot, she goes looking for her and finds her just as another tribute stabs her with a spear. Katniss kills the other tribute, and when Rue dies, she covers her body in flowers.

Katniss is depressed all the next day, until an announcement is made that there has been a rule change: Now, two tributes from the same district can be declared winners. Katniss goes looking for Peeta, and it takes her a day but finally she finds him. He's severely injured from his fight with Cato and can barely walk, but Katniss helps him to a cave where they'll be hidden. Thinking Peeta may die, Katniss impulsively kisses him. A moment later she hears a noise outside and finds a pot of broth sent from Haymitch. She realizes that Haymitch will reward her for playing up the romance between her and Peeta. The next morning Katniss sees that Peeta's leg is badly infected and he'll die without treatment. Another announcement is made, this time saying each tribute will find an item they desperately need at the Cornucopia. Katniss knows that means medicine for Peeta's leg, but Peeta thinks it's too dangerous and doesn't want Katniss to go. Using a sleep syrup sent from Haymitch, Katniss knocks him out.

At the Cornucopia, Katniss tries to run and grab the item marked for District 12, but she gets into a fight with a female tribute. The tribute is about to kill her when Thresh, the male tribute from District 11 who came to the Games with Rue, kills the girl instead. He spares Katniss because of the way she treated Rue, and Katniss makes it back to the cave. She injects Peeta with the medicine just before passing out. They stay there for a few days while it rains nonstop outside, and in this time the romance between Katniss and Peeta progresses. When the rain lets up, Peeta and Katniss need to find food. Katniss leaves Peeta in charge of foraging while she goes to hunt. She comes back hours later and finds a small pile of poisonous berries Peeta collected thinking they were safe. They

discover the body of a tribute who Katniss nicknamed Foxface, and Katniss realizes she died from eating the berries. By this point Cato, who killed Thresh, is the only tribute left, and Katniss decides to keep some berries in case they can trick Cato the same way. Eventually the streams and ponds dry up, and they know the only source of water left is the lake near the Cornucopia. Without any other choice, they start walking to the lake.

By the lake, Cato comes suddenly barreling toward them. Unexpectedly, however, he runs straight by them. Katniss realizes there are strange creatures chasing him, and they all run to the Cornucopia and climb up. The creatures are mutant wolves engineered by the Capitol, and Katniss realizes they are actually the dead tributes, who have been turned into these monsters. Taking advantage of the situation, Cato attacks Peeta, but Katniss and Peeta manage to push him over the edge. The creatures overpower him, but because of the body armor he's wearing he remains alive for hours, until Katniss shoots him out of pity. Just as Katniss and Peeta think they've won, another announcement is made that there can only be one winner again. Neither Katniss nor Peeta will kill the other, so Katniss takes out the poisonous berries. Just as she and Peeta pop them in their mouths, the announcer shouts for them to stop and declares them both winners.

They go back to the Training Center and Katniss is kept alone for days while she recuperates. When she is let out, Haymitch warns her that she's in danger. The Capitol took her stunt with the berries as an act of defiance, so she has to convince everyone that she was desperate at the thought of losing Peeta and not being rebellious, or even her family could be at risk. In their final interview, she's reunited with Peeta, who lost his leg and now has a prosthetic. After, when Haymitch tells her she did great, Peeta wonders what he means, and Katniss explains everything, including the romance strategy during the Games. Peeta is angry and hurt, but as they arrive back in District 12, they hold hands one more time to greet the crowd and cameras.

APPENDIX II

BIOGRAPHY of SUZANNE COLLINS



Suzanne Collins was born into a military family, the youngest of four on August 11, 1962 in Hartford, Connecticut. The job demands of her father, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force who had seen active duty in Vietnam, caused the family to constantly move around the eastern United States before finally settling down in Alabama where Suzanne attended high school at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. Collins attended Indiana University where she graduated with a double major of drama and telecommunications before earning her M.F.A. (Masters of Fine Arts) in dramatic writing from New York University shortly after.

ocusing mostly on acting between the ages of 12 and 20, it was then when Collin's realized that she not only wanted to speak the words, but create them as well. Her passion quickly grew from that moment. Collins' professional career began in 1991 as a writer for popular Nickelodeon shows Clarissa Explains it All, The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo, Little Bear, and Oswald before more recently being involved with shows such as Clifford's Puppy Days and Wow! Wow! Wubbzy! Her venture into children's novels started after constant encouragement by author and illustrator James Proimos with whom she worked with during her time on the show, Generation O!.

The idea for her first story series, the critically acclaimed Underland Chronicles, came to Collins as she pondered Alice in Wonderland and thought one was much more likely to fall down a manhole than a rabbit hole. Published by Scholastic Press between 2003 and 2007, the Underland Chronicles is a five-story series following the adventures of an eleven year old boy named Gregor and his time in the fictional world of Underland.

In 2008, Collins published the first story in her next book series, the Hunger Games, which follows the story of 16 year old Katniss Everdeen as she attempts to survive the Hunger Games, a government enforced battle which pairs twenty-four teenagers in a battle to the death. Collins has said that the inspiration for the Hunger Games was a combination of the Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur, and time spent channel flicking between reality television and coverage of the Iraq war. The adjacent sequels in the Hunger Games trilogy, Catching Fire and Mockingjay were released in 2009 and 2010.

Movie rights for the Hunger Games were purchased by North American entertainment corporation Lions Gate, who will release a film adaptation of the book on March 23, 2012 starring Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark, and Liam Hemsworth as Gale Hawthorne. Suzanne Collins currently lives in Connecticut with her husband, actor Cap Pryor, two children, and two feral cats that previously wandered their backyard. Much to her success with the Hunger Games, Collins was named as one of TIME's 100 most influential people in the world in 2010. As of March 16, 2012, Suzanne Collins became Amazon Kindle's best-selling author of all-time.