

'IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO GRIP YOUR KIDS AFTER AN ORGY OF XBOX, THE HUNGER GAMES BY SUZANNE COLLINS IS IT... PLUNGE IN BECAUSE THIS IS RIP-ROARING, BARE-KNUCKLE ADVENTURE OF THE BEST KIND, AND DESTINED TO BE AN EVEN BIGGER HIT THAN STEPHENIE MEYER'S TWILIGHT.... IT WOULD BE GIVING AWAY TOO MUCH TO DESCRIBE ALL THE TWISTS THIS ABSORBING AND MORALLY CHALLENGING NOVEL THROWS UP, BUT IT IS A REAL HUMDINGER THAT ADULTS, TOO, WOULD LOVE. IN THE RENEWED DEBATE ABOUT WHY BOYS AREN'T READING, THE HUNGER GAMES WOULD BE THE PERFECT ANTIDOTE - IF ONLY SCHOOLS HAD THE WIT TO CHOOSE IT FOR A CLASS READER.' *THE TIMES*... 'SUZANNE COLLINS'S THE HUNGER GAMES IS A BRILLIANTLY IMAGINED DYSTOPIAN NOVEL ABOUT THE ULTIMATE TELEVISION REALITY GAME FOR TEENS...' *DAILY TELEGRAPH*... 'SUZANNE COLLINS' PLOT RATTLES ALONG WITH PLENTY OF ACTION AND SUSPENSE. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE MOVIE VERSION FOLLOWS' *NEWS OF THE WORLD*... 'TERRIFYING, EXHILARATING AND UNEXPECTEDLY THOUGHT-PROVOKING.' *SUNDAY TELEGRAPH*...



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'WHAT ELEVATES SUZANNE COLLINS'S NOVEL IS HER ABILITY TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN TENSION... THIS IS A FINE ENTRY INTO THE CANON OF POST-APOCALYPTIC BRUTALITY FICTION.' *FINANCIAL TIMES*... 'MANY TEENAGE NOVELS CAN BE STUFFED FULL OF WONDERFULLY EXCITING HIGH-CONCEPT IDEAS, THEN RUN THE RISK OF BEING LET DOWN BY THE ACTUAL WRITING. NO FEAR OF THAT HERE, COLLIN'S PROSE IS AS PUNCHY AND ENERGETIC AS HER PLOT... THE EQUALLY EXCITING SEQUEL PROVES THAT THIS PARTICULAR SERIES HAS SET A REMARKABLY HIGH BAR FOR ALL OTHER GENRE ADVENTURE SERIALS.' *THE SCOTSMAN*... 'ALMOST EVERY NEW NOVEL FOR TEENAGERS NOW MAKES SOME REFERENCE TO VAMPIRES THANKS TO TWILIGHT, AND FAR TOO MANY ARE DISMAL COPIES OF IT. ONE THAT ISN'T REMOTELY SOPPY AND APPEALS EQUALLY TO BOYS AS TO GIRLS IS SUZANNE COLLINS'S THE HUNGER GAMES... THE STUNNING ACTION SEQUENCES AND THE CLEVERNESS OF CONCEPT AND EXECUTION GIVE THIS A HAUNTING PHILOSOPHICAL COMPLEXITY AND MAKE IT MY BOOK OF THE YEAR.' *AMANDA CRAIG*... 'BEST OF ALL REMAINS THE HUNGER GAMES, WITH ITS MOVING, VIVID AND CONSISTENTLY WELL WRITTEN DYSTOPIAN ADVENTURE ABOUT THE ULTIMATE REALITY TV GAME. WITH ITS UNFORGETTABLE HEROINE, THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING BOOK FOR BOTH GENDERS THAT GRIPS LIKE A MAN-TRAP.' *THE TIMES*



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