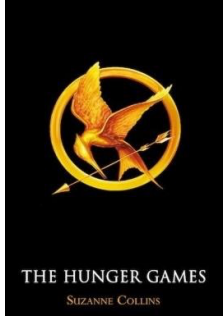




# The Hunger Games 1: Book Vs Movie

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'The Hunger Games' is a series of dystopian young adult (YA) novels, that have also been made into films, dealing with the themes of power, violence, love, and rebellion. Set in the future, in what was once North America, the Capital of Panem controls the 12 districts brutally, in punishment for a past revolt. Each district puts forward two children, a girl and a boy, into an annual competition named 'The Hunger Games' where they are put into an arena to fight to the death. They determine the tributes during an annual reaping, in which two names are chosen at random. In the first novel, Primrose Everdeen, the heroine's younger sister is chosen. Immediately, Katniss volunteers, in protection of her sister. Katniss, and a boy named Peeta Mellark, venture off to the Capital, tributes in the 74<sup>th</sup> Hunger Games. Soon, they find that it is not only people they will have to fight, love and trust are equally as dangerous...

Although the author Suzanne Collins helped direct the film, there were still some differences...

Book	Movie	Example
		
<p>The book is written from Katniss's perspective, so we only see what is happening outside the arena before and after the games.</p>	<p>There are no voice-overs so we see things that Katniss would have had no way of knowing. (We can see what is going on outside the games).</p>	<p>When Katniss's friend, Rue is killed in the arena, we can see district 11's anger by them rebelling in the film.</p>
<p>The ending of the games were more dramatic</p>	<p>Although still dramatic, the film did not include some of the graphic details the book did.</p>	<p>The genetically modified hounds had the eyes of dead tributes and one bites Peeta's leg- leading to a amputation later on- this detail does not appear in the film.</p>
<p>Katniss comes across as tougher and slower to trust before the games. She is also more ruthless.</p>	<p>Katniss comes across more likeable and more accepting towards Peeta. She is also presented in a softer light, despite her hard character.</p>	<p>Katniss is more scared to ally with Peeta in the book, whereas, in the film, Katniss has more genuinely torn feelings for him.</p>

In conclusion, I believe that the novel and the film are both equally as good and dramatic as each other. The book allows readers to see the dystopian world through Katniss's eyes and gives more scope for imagination when it comes to the arena and tributes. The film, however, is extremely tense and suspenseful, due to the eerie score and ominous set.