

*The Hunger Games* is a dystopian young adult novel where 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen from District 12 volunteers to take her younger sister's place in a televised fight-to-the-death competition. The annual event, known as the Hunger Games, requires one boy and one girl from each of the 12 districts to be sent to an arena to fight to the death until only one survivor remains. The story follows Katniss's struggle for survival, her complex relationship with fellow tribute Peeta Mellark, and her defiance against the oppressive Capitol that forces the games to maintain control over the districts.