



## Suzanne Collins



*'Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.'*

*Suzanne Collins, Hunger Games*

Suzanne Collins was born on August 10, 1962, in Hartford, Connecticut, USA.

Collins studied theatre, telecommunications and dramatic writing and began her career in 1991 as a writer for children's television shows. She worked on several shows for Nickelodeon, including *Clarissa Explains It All*, *The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo*, *Little Bear*, and *Oswald*.

After meeting children's author James Proimos Collins felt inspired to write children's books herself. Between 2003 and 2007 she wrote the five books of the *Underland Chronicles*: *Gregor the Overlander*, *Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane*, *Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods*, *Gregor and the Marks of Secret*, and *Gregor and the Code of Claw*. During that time, Collins also wrote a rhyming picture book, *When Charlie McButton Lost Power* (2005), illustrated by Mike Lester.

In September 2008, Scholastic Press released *The Hunger Games*, the first book of a trilogy by Collins. *The Hunger Games* was partly inspired by the

Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. Another inspiration was her father's career in the Air Force, which gave her insight to poverty, starvation, and the effects of war. The trilogy's second book, *Catching Fire*, was released in September 2009, and its third book, *Mockingjay*, was released on August 24, 2010.

Within 14 months, 1.5 million copies of the first two *Hunger Games* books were printed in North America alone. *The Hunger Games* was on *The New York Times* Best Seller list for more than 60 weeks in a row.

Collins adapted the novel for film herself. As a result of the popularity of *The Hunger Games* books, Collins was named one of *Time* magazine's most influential people of 2010. In March 2012, Amazon announced that she had become the best-selling Kindle author of all time.

A prequel to *The Hunger Games* was released in 2020 titled *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*. The premise is based on the life of future President Coriolanus Snow, 64 years before the events of *The Hunger Games* trilogy.

