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The Hunger Games: Official Illustrated Movie Companion



Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller by Suzanne Collins is now a major motion picture -- and this is your guide to all of the movie's excitement, both in front of the camera and behind it. Go behind the scenes of the making of The Hunger Games with exclusive images and interviews. From the screenwriting process to the casting decisions to the elaborate sets and costumes to the actors' performances and directors' vision, this is the definitive companion to the breathtaking film.

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~ Charlaine Harris "Brilliantly plotted and perfectly paced." ~ John Green, New York Times Book Review "A plot-driven blend of suspense, science fiction, and romance." ~ USA Today "Enthralling, imaginative and creepy." ~ Los Angeles Times "superb tale" ~ Booklist, starred review "Readers will wait eagerly to learn more." ~ Publishers Weekly, starred review

Suzanne Collins' debut novel, *Gregor the Overlander*, the first book in *The Underland Chronicles*, received wide praise both in the United States and abroad. The series has been a New York Times bestseller and received numerous accolades. Also a writer for children's television, Suzanne lives with her family in Connecticut.

As a huge *Hunger Games* fan, I was extremely excited to receive this book in the mail on its release date. One of my fears with the book was that it would spoil the movie for me. But it really does a great job of keeping big moments a secret and only showing fans pictures and information on the movie prior to the start of the 74th annual *Hunger Games*. The pictures are beautiful and there is a lot of great information from Suzanne Collins herself as well as the director, makeup artists, etc. on how much really went in to the creation of the movie. Definitely a great purchase for any fan of the series! Trust me, you won't be disappointed and you won't see any huge spoilers from the movie!

Anyone who has become a devotee of the *Hunger Games* books and movies will find this companion book to be the perfect memento, with beautiful photography, actor profiles and production details to enable you to relive the experience. My copy arrived in perfect, brand-new condition. I only wish it had covered all the movies, including "*Catching Fire*" and "*Mockingjay*," and hope to see another publication in the future to complete the experience.

I read a lot of negative reviews and I don't agree at all. I think people just have unreasonable expectations for this book and the other ones like it. Just because the book isn't what you expected or wanted doesn't mean it's bad. For one thing, the description tells you exactly what you're getting so if you expected something different despite the item description you'll obviously be disappointed by what you get. I'm a bit of a movie buff and I really like the *Hunger Games* Trilogy so I decided I wanted a lot of the books that're coming out about the movie and storyline. Everything in the book is interesting, at least to me, because I like to see what goes into making the movie and the process of turning books into movies. The movie stills are nice so I can see what they're talking about in the

companion and details I might have missed before when watching the movie itself. Watching the movie won't necessarily give you a proper look at what went into making it. I imagine that when they release the movie on DVD they'll include video of the things in this book and the Tribute Guide along with some of the other movie books (at least I hope they do), so some people will probably view the purchase of this book and the others as a waste of time and money. I intend to buy the movie on DVD and if possible get whatever version has all the bonus features. I'm glad I bought the companion because if they don't include this stuff it'll be nice to have it in book form at least.

This is a really good book that will be enjoyed by just about any fan of "The Hunger Games". The pictures are beautiful and there's a lot of great information but the people who packed and delivered the book should be fired. It was shipped in a large envelope with little padding to protect it and when I took the book out of the package it was bent near the spine and the cover page was also bent. At the bottom on the spine it's ripped and torn back a bit. It's like they just crammed it into a box with other packages where it was rubbed over and then crammed it into the mailbox when they got to my mailbox. The book does not look new. It looks used even though I had ordered it new. It's just embarrassing. All in all, I'm going to enjoy reading through this book and looking at the pictures and it will be given a very nice and warm spot on my bookshelf.

Things I liked: * Well-written * Contained great background information on how the movie came to be * Well-organized - each section has a purpose * Great photos & illustrations - You won't just see stills from the movie. You get shots of Gary Ross directing, costumes from the Capitol residents, close-ups of the extraordinary food used for the movie, concept drawings for the sets, etc. Overall, great companion book :o)

This book is awesome it has a lot of great pictures and behind the making of the book and what it was like to make a book into a moving picture. It had very detailed descriptions of how they picked sites and characters and it was awesome to learn all of that.

This book has great pictures from the film. It also explains a lot of the thought and direction behind the making of the movie. There are tons of behind the scenes tidbits. A great addition for any one who enjoyed the books or the movies, or both.

I really liked reading this and finding out behind the scenes info about the making of the movie and

the casting of the characters. It was interesting to find out that some of the actors were asking to be cast the minute they heard about the movie, and that so many of them read the books. I like that they took the time to research the real story behind what they were making in film.

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