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Suzanne Collins is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling Underland Chronicles series, which has more than one million books in print and is available in seven foreign editions. In the award-winning *The Hunger Games*, for which rights have been sold for 35 foreign language editions to date, Collins continues to explore the effects of war and violence on those coming of age. Also a successful writer for children's television, Collins lives with her family in Connecticut.

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