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Suzanne Collins

Suzanne Collins was born in Connecticut in 1962. Before becoming a novelist, Collins was a writer for several children's television shows. The first young adult series that Collins wrote — called *The Underland Chronicles* — was published in August 2004. *The Underland Chronicles* examined how war and violence affect those coming of age. These themes were further explored in *The Hunger Games*. Collins often cites her father as an inspiration for *The Hunger Games* because of his career in the Air Force. He made sure Collins understood that war is more than battle; it includes poverty and starvation, and it shows how a person can do almost anything to survive.