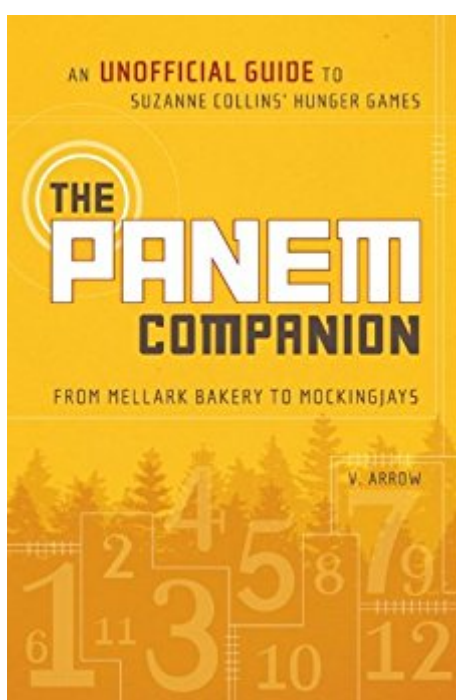


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The Panem Companion: An Unofficial Guide To Suzanne Collins' Hunger Games, From Mellark Bakery To Mockingjays



Synopsis

Go deeper into the home of the Hunger Games with the creator of the best-known fan map of Panem; What does Panem look like; How does Panem define race; How do Panem's districts reflect the major themes of the trilogy; What allusions to our world are found in Panem names like Finnick, Johanna, Beetee, Cinna, Everdeen, and Mellark? The Panem Companion gives fresh insight into Suzanne Collins's trilogy by looking at the world of the Hunger Games and the forces that kept its citizens divided since the First Rebellion. With a blend of academic insight and true fan passion, V. Arrow explores how Panem could have evolved from the America we know today and uses textual clues to piece together Panem's beliefs about class, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexuality, and more. Includes an extensive name lexicon and color-illustrated unofficial map

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Customer Reviews

I like this book quite a lot, and I can see that the author has really done a lot of research and put quite a deal of f2f thought into the subject. However, the map of Panem (a major selling point of this work) does not display as a map, but rather as a series of grids stacked on top of one another in single columns spread over four or five pages. It's clear from the shading that the first column contains all the topmost grids of the map, but viewing it one grid at a time does not give me a full picture of the map in my head. The other pieces make it even more confusing. All that said, the book is extremely well thought out, though less a work for a general fan, I think, and more for someone who wants a more scholastic exploration for how Panem came to be. Still worth the price, even if PopSmart's ads at the end don't, in fact, make them look very smart (i.e., misspelling "more" as "mote" in large, can't-miss-it text).

This is not a breathless fanbook, but a serious, informed discussion of the THG series. It is also not a stogey piece of scholarship. The author walks the fine line between "Team Peeta!" silliness (Why is there never a 'Team Katniss'?) and academic seriousness with some delicacy. Her sources range from sociology theses to fanzine whimsy. The final 20+ pages are the only disappointment. They exercise tiresome and unconvincing logical leaps to account for each of the names in the books. But the chapters that precede that exercise more than make up for that misstep. You will come away from reading with a better understanding of THG.

As an avid reader/ fan of Suzanne Collins' "Hunger Games" series, it is so refreshing to come across Ms. Arrow's brilliant analysis of Panem and Collins' characters. This book is thoroughly researched and unveiled several points that I had never even BEGUN to think about, despite my own research and analysis. The text is wonderfully written; I highly recommend this to any and all "Hunger Games" fans!

NTR

love it!

I'm starting my summer readings with this and it's great so far. Good to understand a little more the world of Hunger Games

I guess I should learn to wait until the officially authorized guides come out for the series because I

have yet to find an "unauthorized" guide that is worth reading. Having said that, it is much better than "The Hunger Games Companion" by Lois H. Gresh, which is just full of errors. "The Panem Companion" does have a few errors but not nearly as many. The authors certainly did some research about the series but are often reaching a bit too far and coming up with conclusions that I don't think were ever intended by Suzanne Collins. It does definitely make you think more about the world of Panem vs. today's society and the chapter about Reality TV and exploitation is extremely well written with some very valid points. It's worth a read if you can get it for a very cheap price or borrow it from the library.

If you like the books or the movie you would like the panem companion. It's basically about how the world of panem might be. How it would come to be. The logic of how the hunger games. Would come to be. And why! It gives sort of future history of panum.

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