BOOKS I HAVE READ: THE HUNGER GAMES TRILOGY

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You may already have readÂ The Hunger Games (Hunger Games Trilogy), or perhaps seen the first film in the series (the second one is just out) and so you know what the story is all about.

For those who are not aware of it, the story is set in a dystopian future with a repressive government using a gladiatorial contest during which children fight to the death as a way of keeping a lid on social tension. Katniss Everdeen is a contestant in the games who goes on to become a figurehead for a rebellion against the government.

Viewed simply as a story; it is hard to complain aboutÂ The Hunger Games,Â you keep turning the pages and you want to know what happens next. There are a few plot twists that take you by surprise and the whole thing bowls along at a pleasing pace. If you want good light reading, this fits the bill. It's excellent, read-a-chapter-before-sleep or while-away-a-bus-journey reading. Currently, the whole series is availably cheaply for Kindle (those are the links I've given) and makes a very good buy (or would be, if my Kindle screen hadn't just been broken).

However, there is a but...

While the storytelling is good, there are other aspects of the books which are less convincing. The future society is poorly painted and barely believable, the central dilemma of is it OK to kill rather than be killed is thinly and inadequately explored and the emotional triangle at the heart of the story is pretty naff. To be honest, I don't think this matters very much - it's only a story. But some people have invested more significance in these books than they can carry and at that level, they do disappoint.