

The Hunger Games

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14 References to sexuality or nudity

(page3) Cat distrusts Katniss because she tried to drown it when it was young.

(page10) Katniss describing Gale at school says you can hear the girls whispering about him as he walks by and you can tell they want him.

(page11) Wild dog meat is put in soup also no one where they live would turn up their nose at a good leg of wild dog.

(page17) Bullet in the head is a much better way to die than starving.

(page19) The real message is clear "look how we take your children and sacrifice them and there's nothing you can do. If you lift a finger we will destroy every last one of you. Just as we did in district 13."

(page26) Having lost her dad in a mine explosion 5 years prior. She went through a lot of emotional turmoil. She would frequently ask "where had he gone" but there was never any answer- denotes a Godless existence.

(page32) Reference to killing someone. Slitting their throat. Said with humor.

(page39) Talk between Katniss and Gale regarding past Hunger Games and all the death involved. Bludgeoning death, snake bites, freezing to death and dying of thirst. Quiet, bloodless deaths.

(page40) Gale tells Katniss she's a great hunter and to forget she has to kill people. Think of them as animals.

(page41) Talks about a girl who put on an act of being helpless but turned out she was a vicious killer.

(page48) References Katniss' possibility of seeing an older drunken man naked in the shower.

(page55) Katniss the pretty 16 year old girl mentions the word nudity to describe how she doesn't want to dress for the games.

(page55) A character walks by uttering obscenities. No words are mentioned. Lets reader use imagination

throughout at least at first.56pages Haymitch has won the Hunger Games in the past for district 12 but he is an embarrassment everywhere he goes because he is the town drunk.

(page62) Katniss is nude in front of one man and two women as they have been removing all the hair from her body except the hair on top of her head. And they have tweezed her brows.

(page64) Male stylist circles Katniss while she stands nude before him. She resists the urge to cross her arms over her chest. (So she is nude in front of a man but does not show modesty)

(page66) Lots of talk about past nude tributes or tributes in skimpy clothes. Katniss fears she will appear nude for the games.

(page82) a boys death is recounted by Katniss.

Up to page 85 repeated theme or mentioning of people enjoying watching other people die.

(page120) Katniss mentions being naked again.

(page125) a girl is described as provocative and sexy and is wearing a see through gold gown. She has blonde hair, green eyes and her body is tall and lush.

(page143) Cannibalism is mentioned

(page145) A male helps dress Katniss in her undergarments.

(page177) Another reference to herself, Katniss being stark naked

The actual deaths are not described in vivid details but you do not have any doubts people are dying.

(page190 & 191) Describe in detail 2 girls dying by genetically modified wasps.

(page219) Describes girl being blown to bits.

(page233) Boy is shot in the neck with bow and arrow. He pulls it out cutting his life in half and drowns in his own blood.

(page238) Katniss thinks of killing anyone that crosses paths with her now. Without emotion for revenge.

(page254) Another reference to being naked. Not being any big deal in the arena.

(page256) Another reference to nudity. How it doesn't bother her little sister and mother but makes her uncomfortable.

(page258) Peeta doesn't mind if Katniss sees him with his shorts off but she turns her back on him.

(page288) Talking about the people back home watching the games on TV cheering them on and willing them to come home but never any mention of anyone praying.

(page309) Katniss thinks a thank you to a fall "friend" Thresh. She thinks about helping his family in some way. It's the closest thing to a prayer I've read buy she thinks it to herself and doesn't 'pray' it to anyone.

(page340) Katniss reference the sky as the "heavens". It's the 1st "religious" reference all the book.

(page344) A mock suicide attempt is made.

(page353) Katniss is naked again

(Page354) Katniss is given a dress by Cinna that adds padding to the breasts and gives her curves.

Catching Fire

2nd Book of the series

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49 references to drugs and alcohol

47 references to sexuality and nudity

7 references to suicide

Pg 18 & 19: Katniss buys three bottles of white liquor for Haymitch who she describes as surly, violent, and drunk most of the time.

Pg 19: Haymitch is described as going through withdrawals not having any alcohol to drink. He was shaking and screaming. Terrified at things only he could see.

Pg 22: Haymitch is drunk. His house smells, among other things, like liquor and vomit.

Pg 23: Katniss is waking or attempting to awaken a drunken Haymitch.

Pg 24: Haymitch spewing out profanities.

Pg 25: Haymitch drinking.

Pg 29: Reference to fake attempted suicide from book 1

Pg 31: Another reference to fake attempted suicide from first book.

Pg 31: Reference to murder and an execution because of "failed suicide".

Pg 39: Gale kisses Katniss passionately

Pg 46: Reference to Katniss being nude in bathtub.

Pg 48: Haymitch is drunk.

Pg 49: Katniss is naked and mentions her prep team is here and when it comes to her body, these people and her have no secrets.

Pg 52: Drunken "wasted" Haymitch.

Pg 59: Katniss is kissing Peeta

Pg 60: Haymitch is referred to as drunk twice.

Pg 63: Haymitch smelling like wine.

Pg 63: Katniss is in her underwear.

Pg 64: Haymitch's drinking.

Pg 65: Katniss is considering real suicide as an alternative to marrying someone she doesn't love.

Pg 67: Katniss mentions she is going to have all the hair on her body ripped off.

Pg 67: Katniss mentions bathing Peeta by the stream. Mentioning some of the boys got to keep their body hair where as none of the girls did.

Pg 67: Characters take 'brightly colored little pills'.

Pg 68: Katniss mentions possibility of having her breasts tattooed.

Pg 68 & 69: Haymitch is nursing a hangover.

Pg 82: Katniss is kissing Peeta

Pg 86: Public execution-old man shot in the head.

Pg 88: Two more gunshots and unknown results.

Pg 88: Katniss doesn't know what an angel is, thinks they are fat children with wings.

Pg 89: Reference to old man's execution

Pg 90: Reference to 3 people being executed today old man plus two more gunshots.

Pg 98: Effie starts giving Katniss pills to help her sleep.

Pg 99: Katniss mentions the haze of drugs

Pg 99: Katniss starts refusing pills

Pg 99: She lets Peeta into her bed every night. They sleep in each other's arms to feel safe. This arrangement becomes a subject of gossip on the train.

Pg 106: Mention of people putting tattoos of Katniss Mockingjay pendant in intimate places.

Pg 107: Characters are drunk.

Pg 107: Mentions how gluttonous everyone is at these events. Katniss and Peeta are led to a table holding wine glasses with clear liquid in them. The liquid makes you puke so you can keep eating.

Pg 110: People are too drunk to notice something Peeta said.

Pg 114: Drunk Haymitch again.

Pg 114 & 115: Katniss wakes up to realize Peeta is in bed with her.

Pg 116: Katniss feels immoral having Peeta in her bed even though, as she says, they are engaged now.

Pg 116: Peeta mentions not walking to be back home in district 12 because it means waking up alone.

Pg 119: "Peacekeepers" killing rioters at random.

Pg 138 Graphic description of Gale being bound and tortured.

Pg 140: Trying to save Gale, Katniss catches a lash from the whip across her face.

Pg 151: Head Peacekeeper takes advantage of starving girls and women by offering them food and money in exchange for sex. Katniss thinks she would have been among them if she didn't know how to hunt.

Pg 154: Mentioning a reversed scenario of what happened to her in the Games, instead of happening to Gale. Part of what is said is "becoming some strange girls lover to stay alive"

Pg 155: Referencing fake suicide during the games.

Chaper 8: Gale and 'Peacekeepers' lie for a noble cause... but still lying.

Pg 160: Katniss talks about the possibility of all the things that could happen to her and concludes a bullet to the head would be merciful.

Pg 162: The word impotent is used. (It is a non sexual usage but how many kids would look the word up and get a sex lesson? If they don't know what it means, maybe its because you as a parent weren't ready for them to know.)

Pg 164: Reference to Katniss kissing Gale.

Pg 165: Haymitch is passed out drunk.

Pg 167 Haymitch wants a drink

Pg 168 & 169: Haymitch goes in search of alcohol. Katniss and Peeta both mention having white liquor at their homes for Haymitch.

Pg 172: Katniss again mentions the white liquor she and Peeta had for Haymitch.

Pg 205: Katniss has been given syrup to help her sleep, by her mom after injuring herself. She mentions that the syrup, like white liquor. Lowers a person's inhibitions. She also goes on to say she wishes Peeta would climb into bed with her and spend the night to comfort her with her nightmares.

Pg 206: Katniss, as she is passing out from the syrup, manages one last phrase before slipping under "stay with me"

Pg 212: Katniss says since she only has to be hairless for a few hours instead of several weeks she will be shaved instead of waxed.

Pg 216: Haymitch isn't flat out drunk but he doesn't look too steady.

Pg 228: Katniss asks Haymitch for a drink. It burns her throat and nose and appears to give her a fairly negative experience. However then she says "But inside me, the liquor feels like fire and I like it"

Pg 228: Katniss continues drinking.

Pg 229: Katniss not only continues drinking but refuses to give Haymitch the bottle back.

Pg 229: Haymitch pulls out another bottle since Katniss won't give the liquor bottle back.

Pg 230: Katniss is drunk

Pg 231: Katniss is hungover and vomiting.

Pg 231: Katniss is in shower in underwear and then nude.

Pg 234: Peeta dumps out all of Haymitch's liquor and makes arrangements with the liquor seller so Haymitch can't get anymore.

Pg 235: Peeta uses the word "Drunkards" to describe Katniss and Haymitch. Katniss mentions being hung over. Katniss says "Last night the only time I've ever even been drunk."

Pg 235: Katniss tells Haymitch she will get him more liquor.

Pg 243: Katniss says Haymitch is not drinking but would like to be.

Pg 244: Another mention of Haymitch he could have been drunk

Pg 244: Mention of people being wasted by illness, drugs, or drink.

Pg 248: Peeta is kissing her neck and she is affected by it.

Chapter 14: Describes, in possibly too much detail, the 25th Quarter Quell (Hunger Games 25th anniversary) that Haymitch won.

Pg 259: Haymitch is drinking again. Wine this time.

Pg 262: Katniss talking about the Capitol peoples feelings about the games and says 'they certainly don't have a problem watching children murdered every year'.

Pg 267 Katniss giving history of former tribute victor Finnick and his tactics of killing that brought him his crown.

Pg 268 Finnick was 14 when he won. When he was 16 the Capitol started bringing him to the annual games where he would accept gifts and have sex with 4 or 5 people (they do not specify men or women) in a visit. And when he leaves he doesn't ever go back.

Pg. 268 Katniss says she "cant argue that Finnick isn't one of the most stunning, sensuous people on the planet. (At what age do we wish our children to know and use the word 'sensuous'?)

Pg 268 Katniss tells Finnick she would love to borrow his outfits sometime "Hes draped in a golden net that strategically knotted at his groin, so that he cant technically be called naked, but hes about as close as you can get.

Pg 272 & 273 Mention of two tributes from District 6 who are "morphling addicts" (Morphling seems to be a painkiller like morphine)

Pg 273 Haymitch and another former tribute drink together

Pg 274 Katniss describes another contestant as "there's no sign she turned to liquor or morphling or any other chemical form of escape over the years.

Pg 274 Contestant greets Katniss with a big kiss right on the mouth (as a joke it seems)

Pg 275 Johanna, a former winning tribute unzips the rest of her costume and lets it drop to the floor and then kicks it away in disgust. Except for her slippers shes nude.

Pg 276 Reference to Johannas bare breasts.

Pg 276 Reference to Peeta being naked in last years games.

Pg 281 Reference to past tributes being in the clutches of drink, morphling, or illness

Pg 282 Katniss has a nightmare and theres someone wearing a mask and constantly flicking his wet tongue at her.

Pg 282 Katniss awakes from dream, gets water, takes off all her cloths and goes back to bed naked.

Pg 283 Haymitches face is flush with drink

Pg 288 Finnick makes a noose and fakes his suicide as a joke

Pg 289 Katniss talking about 2 older tributes mentions shes pretty sure neither of them will make her uncomfortable by stripping naked.

Pg 289 Katniss is now identifying the drug addicts from District 6 as their drug of choice. She calls them morphlings.

Pg 289 Johanna is naked and rubbing oil on her skin getting ready for a wrestling lesson.

Pg 293 Johanna oils up her breasts for wrestling.

Pg 294 Katniss references Chaff being sober

Pg 297 Haymitch orders a bottle of wine

Pg 298 Another reference to the Morphlings

Pg 298 Comment being made about how to amaze the game makers. Stripping is jokingly suggested.

Pg 299 Now Peeta is referring to the District 6 people as Morphlings

Pg 309 Katniss wraps her arms around Peeta and rests her head against his chest. His hands slide up her back and his cheek leans against her hair. (described in a very intimate setting)

Pg 311 Katniss is sleeping with Peeta in her bed again

Pg 312 Katniss and Peeta are spending the day together, having an extended picnic. Her head is in his lap.

Pg 314 Katniss' prep team wakes her to find her sleeping with Peeta

Pg 316 A male helps Katniss dress

Pg 316 Cinna describes Katniss as "ravishing"

Pg 321 After a stunt involving fire with her dress Katniss wonders if she will be naked when she is done.

Pg 326 During an interview Peeta falsely reveals he and Katniss are married, and Katniss is pregnant.

Pg 332 Katniss and Peeta spend night together

Pg 332 A male helps Katniss dress for the games

Pg 333 A male helps Katniss dress in a very sheer jumpsuit over simple undergarments

Pg 344 Man impaled from District 5 is described as a drunk.

Pg 356 Katniss falsely thinks Finnick is kissing Peeta, when in reality he is giving him mouth to mouth. But this actually has her perplexed.

Pg 370 A mention of one of the morphlings being dead.

Pg 383 An aging tribute kills herself

Pg 386 Katniss has stripped down to her underwear.

Pg 387 Peeta cuts off Finnick's jumpsuit

Pg 388 Finnick has his head in Katniss' lap

Pg 394 a reference to an insane female morphling from District 6.

Pg 396 Katniss describing how sickly the morphling looks. Adds she turned to morphling just as Haymitch turned to alcohol.

Pg 397 & 398 Repeated naming girl from District 6 as morphling.

Pg 401 Mention of Haymitch being drunk

Pg 408 Katniss strips Beetee naked so she can wash the blood off of him.

Pg 409 Katniss mentioning seeing so many men naked on her mom's table (her mom is like a doctor) this year it doesn't make an impression on her anymore. You kind of get used to it after awhile.

Pg 410 Katniss strips Wiress nude to wash blood off her.

Pg 417 Johanna threatens Katniss saying "I don't care if you are knocked up, I'll rip your throat out"

Chapter 23 Lots of fighting and death

Pg 443 Another reference to a person as a morphling

Pg 447 Mentions Haymitch and white liquor

Pg 448 Katniss kisses Peeta and describes her physical response.

Pg 486 Katniss mentions being naked except for a thin nightgown

Pg 491 and yet another reference to Haymitch's drunkenness.

Mocking Jay

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3rd and final book of the series

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14 references to non-graphic nudity (primarily the main character)

18 references to drug and alcohol abuse

6 references to suicide

Pg 12 Katniss is walking through the charred remains of District 12 encountering many dead bodies along the way. All in different forms and stages of decomposition.

Pg 16 Katniss hates everyone now but most of all herself.

Pg 16 They artificially inseminate cows and use frozen cow embryos to encourage genetic diversity.

Pg17 Katniss tries to will her thoughts to Peeta. To send her thoughts into his mind. (about the closest thing to prayer shes done in a long ime)

Pg 17 ashes billow up all around Katniss and she raises the hem of her skirt up over her mouth.

Pg 30 District 13 at 6:00pm is a time for Reflection. Although there is no set definition for what this means.

Pg 34 Reference to drug Morphling.

Pg 38 Production and distribution of intoxicating beverages is forbidden in district 13 and mentions that Haymitch must be having a tough time.

Pg 45 Gale says if he could hit a button and kill every living "soul" working for the Capitol hed do it without hesitation (religious reference?)

Pg 55 Katniss is holding a pencil and piece of paper "The pencil moves across the paper on its own" After she stops her "automatic writing" (which is satanic) it says "I kill snow" a reference to the president of the Capitol.

Pg66 Prisoners shackled to the wall half naked.

Pg 78 Katniss describes Finnick as 'gorgeous'

Pg 83 Katniss is to have her body hair waxed again.

Pg 83 Katniss is taking a bath (naked obviously)

Pg 83 A woman is waiting for Katniss with a towel to wrap it around her naked body as she gets out of the tub.

Pg 84 The word impotent is used again (again, although used non sexually in this instance, consider at what age you would be comfortable with your child understanding the definition)

Pg 97 Katniss describes a woman's face as sexy

Pg 107 As a joke, Finnick poses provocatively in his underwear and has jokingly suggestive dialogue with Katniss.

Pg 110 reference to above joke

Pg 115 Katniss witnesses the aftermath of war. Broken damaged bodies everywhere.

Pg 128 Gale swears under his breath

Pg 128-133 The Capitol has attacked 8's hospital killing the wounded, their loved ones and doctors assistants and hundreds of unarmed people perish.

Pg 128-144 Katniss and Gale rebelled against supervisors body guards and camera crews and put more people in danger than there were before to do battle against the Capitol military forces. When they were in the presence of the president of 13 everyone covered for them and made on like it was a decision for them and not by them.

Pg 158 Someone quotes Haymitch's response and not wanting to revisit district 12 "I couldn't face it without a bottle"

Pg 158 Katniss speaks about Haymitch's weakness for drink

Pg 158 Katniss wishes she had a bottle of liquor for herself.

Pg 159 Katniss wishes she could swim naked and alone

Pg 161 Katniss recalls some horrific scenes from her first appearance at the games

Pg 162-165 The Hanging Tree is sung by Katniss. The lyrics are displayed and the song explained. There is a man who committed a murder hanging dead in a tree calling for his girlfriend or wife to join him in death (wishing her to commit suicide).

Pg 188 Katniss tells cat that she should have drowned him when she had the chance.

Pg 214 Haymitch using alcohol to sooth his pain.

Pg 219 Finnick explains that President Snow used to prostitute him and other attractive contestants.

Pg 220 Finnick starts describing things that he dealt with including "strange sexual appetites"

Pg 220 Reference to "drunken secrets"

Pg 220 Another reference to Finnick's prostitution

Pg 220 Finnick lists "Incest" as one of the secrets

Pg 222 Katniss wonders if she would have ended up prostituted by President Snow.

Pg 226 Someone runs toward Finnick (a female) in nothing but a sheet.

Pg 253 Katniss makes out with Gale.

Pg 254 Katniss is aroused making out with Gale. Kissing continues. And Gale compares kissing confused Katniss to kissing someone drunk

Pg 255 Gale confesses to Katniss he's kissed lots of girls

Pg 256 Jokes made in the past reference kissing

Pg 280 Reference to Morphlings

Pg 280 Referencing the Morphlings in a positive light. Saying that getting high and painting flowers on your body seemed a happier existence than anyone else had.

Pg 282 Johanna describes Gale as "gorgeous"

Pg 301 Katniss had been sharing her morphling with Johanna who is an addict, and when she was taken off it Johanna goes through withdrawals.

Pg 302 Johanna uses all the foul language she knows

Pg 302 Katniss resists the temptation to go topless in the rain.

Pg 303 Hospital staff connect Johanna to morphling

Pg 306 Finnick is described as "the decadent Capitol heart throb"

Pg 309 Katniss and Peeta sleeping together on the train and Peeta insinuating more happened than what did.

Pg 320 Katniss says she needs to run into the woods later to scream curse or cry.

Pg 323 Reference to Johanna and morphling withdrawal

Pg 329 Analogy is made- being outside without proper protection makes everyone feel naked.

Pg 344 Peeta lists a long string of words to describe Katniss including "lover"

Pg 348 Peeta goes into graphic detail describing witnessing torture.

Pg 351 & 352 graphic description of maiming then death

Pg 353 Reference to Morphling dying in games

Pg 369 Katniss remembers the last stanza of the suicide song "the Hanging Tree"

Pg 392 & 393 Describes a series of very violent and death filled scenes

Pg 394 & 395 Bloody carnage

Pg 397 Continuing death of teammates in detail

Pg 398 Katniss plants intense kiss on Peeta

Pg 403 Talking about fur underwear

Pg 421 People running around in the streets in nightgowns.

Pg 423 Fun underwear mentioned again.

Pg 427 Another reference to suicide song "The Hanging Tree"

Pg 430 & 431 Lots of gunfire and death. Little girl dies

Pg 432 -436 Extremely violent death scenes

Pg 437 Katniss realizes Gale doesn't have his suicide pill with him anymore.

Pg 439 & 440 Lots of children toddlers to teenagers are barricaded in front of antagonists' house to use as human shields, leading to many intentionally cruel deaths.

Pg 444 & 445 More morphling and Katniss hallucinating

Pg 444 Reference to Katniss naked body

Pg 445 Reference to The Hanging Tree

Pg 447 More morphling & nudity

Pg 448 Memory of characters violent death

Pg 450 Katniss is repulsed by roses because they are used by the antagonist in the book. (Opposite of the love and safety we feel being reminded as Catholics of Our Mother)

Pg 453 Antagonist mentions having no problem killing children

Pg 460 Haymitch passed out drunk with liquor bottles all over his room.

Pg 461 more liquor

Pg 462 Katniss naked AGAIN

Pg 472 Katniss assassinates new president.

Pg 473 Katniss attempts suicide

Pg 475 Naked again

Pg 476 Naked again

Pg 476 Katniss planning her suicide

Pg 477 Morphling withdrawls

Pg 479 Naked again

Pg 481 Character says "Maybe we are witnessing the evolution of the human race"

Pg 482 Haymitch & liquor

Pg 483 Haymitch is drunk

Pg 486 Katniss is naked again

Pg 489 Reference to Gale kissing someone else

Pg 492 Haymitch drinking

Pg 492 Katniss and Peeta sleeping together & kissing.