I Wish I'd Written? The Hunger Games

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There are so many books I wish I'd written! The one that springs to mind right now is The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. It's such a fabulous idea; one that has all the necessary drama and intrigue, as well as the sexual tension that all good teen novels seem to have these days. I particularly admire her world building. I've wanted to write a fantasy or sci-fi novel for a long time now, but it's the world building that keeps tripping me up. It's one thing to create a realistic world as accurately as you can? you can research this? but quite another to create a realistic fantasy world. It takes a special type of mind indeed, and Collins has just this.

Another reason why I wished I'd written this novel is because I'd love to spend some more time with Peeta. I'm in love with him? his selfless devotion to Katniss, his bravery, his gorgeousness (as readers will know from my character of Ty, I'm a sucker for steel blue eyes!). I think Peeta may be one of my favourite ever YA heroes (however, Gale ain't bad either!).

The final reason why I wished I'd written this is Katniss herself. It's so refreshing and empowering to have a young female heroine as gutsy as she is: someone who creates the action and story line, rather than is determined by it. She's a fantastic role model to young (and not so young!) women everywhere!
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is published by Scholastic (978 1 4071 0908 4) at £6.99 pbk.

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