

Mockingjay Part 2 brings saga to satisfying end

“We all have one enemy! He corrupts everyone, and everything! He turns the best of us against each other. Tonight, turn your weapons, to the Capital! Turn your weapons, to Snow!” Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) faces her hardest

Movie viewers should be prepared for intense violence surrounding Katniss and the revolution against the Capital that includes explosions, shoot-outs and some several emotional (and unexpected) deaths. Nevertheless, with all this action and danger



Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth, front left), Finnick Odair (Sam Claflin, back left), Messalla (Evan Ross, back right) and Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence, front right) in THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 2. Photo credit: Murray Close. Courtesy Lionsgate Films.

journey yet as she makes her way to the Capital with one mission: kill President Snow (Donald Sutherland).

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 is the fourth and final adaptation of Suzanne Collins' New York Times Bestselling Hunger Games trilogy.

there were still a few romantic and sentimental moments. The film explores themes touched upon in the previous adaptations about power, government, and the role of revolutionaries like the “Girl on Fire.”

Mockingjay Part 2 starts shortly

after Peeta (Josh Hutcherson), brain-washed by the Capital, attacks Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence). Katniss comes to the realization that Peeta will never be the same again asks President Alma Coin (Julianne Moore) to deploy her. After being shot with an arrow by a Capital-loyalist, Katniss takes on a new mission. Gale (Liam Hemsworth), Cressida (Natalie Dormer), Finnick (Sam Claflin) and unrecovered Peeta become a special-ops team with the important mission to kill President Snow. As the team enters the Capital they discover that Snow has filled the city with terrors straight out of the Hunger Games. The team is faced with unimaginable dangers as they make their way to Snow and a few heart-wrenching moments that will make Katniss question what she symbolizes in the revolution and also make the viewer realize how much she and so many have lost because of the antics of the Capital.

Simultaneously, Katniss must deal with truth about her enemies and allies and decide if her romantic feelings lie with Gale or Peeta. Throughout the movies, the director and writers have been incredibly faithful to the books. However, there are a few differences that may be picked up by an avid Hunger Games fan. The blossoming friendship between Katniss and Johanna (Jena Malone) is shown in only a few conversations. Also, Katniss' platonic feelings for Hunger Games victor Finnick are dismissed.

For readers of the Hunger Games trilogy, they will be happy to know that this movie touches more on the complex emotions of the heroine Katniss as she faces her hardest journey

yet. Dialogue in the movie also echoes the cautious and dangerous events in the movie. Also be prepared for some moving and saddening quotes from Katniss as she rallies support to face the Capital head-on. Overall, Mockingjay Part 2 continued what the acclaimed book series has done: convey complex themes about our world in a disturbing but entertaining way. Throughout the movie, viewers will appreciate the beautiful but eerie aesthetics of the Capital and the costumes worn by the characters, particularly Katniss's intense costumes that scream “I'm ready to fight!” Now even with all the fighting, don't forget about the epic love triangle that keeps the viewer wondering: who will Katniss end up with, or will she even end up with anyone?

On opening day the movie made a whopping more than \$102 million worldwide, so join the bandwagon if you still haven't! You may want to wait until it's available to rent if you're unfamiliar with the movies or series. For avid Hunger Game fans of the books and/or the movies who still haven't seen the movie: hurry up to the theaters! It will definitely be worth the money!

QUICK FACTS

- » Movie release date: November 16, 2015
- » Blur-ray release date: March 2016
- » IMDb rating: 7.0
- » Rotten Tomatoes: 70%