Imagine the suspense in the air as your whole community waits to find out what children are going to be thrown into an arena with no supplies. To make matters worse they are being forced to kill each other in order to live. Sounds like a bloodbath right? That’s the premise of the novel The Hunger Games, which is currently being made into a movie. This amazing novel written by Suzanne Collins is flying off the book shelves because it’s very popular in young adults. The two main characters, Katniss and Peeta, are two out of the twenty-four kids between the ages of twelve to eighteen that go into the arena. As this book is stunningly complex we could only imagine how frustrating it must be to turn this into a short hour and a half film.

“When I read this book, it turned into a movie in my head,” said Chloe Maurice. While turning any book at all into a movie, the screenwriters face the issue of keeping the movie on budget and of course making sure the audience paid for what they expect to see. The Hunger Games is Lionsgate’s most expensive movie yet, coming in at a total cost of $80 million. Some of the reasons why this movie is off the charts in expense is because of the unique and talented actors that will be starring in the film. Oscar-nominee Jennifer Lawrence stars as Katniss in the movie which is coming out on March 23, 2012. Another part of the reason why the expenses for this movie are so high is because of the cost of the entire set, clothes, props, and more.

Ms. Baer, another fan of The Hunger Games, seriously excited told us, “While reading the book I felt like I was there in real life, scared for life, fighting for survival. Every single part that is in the book adds and supports the story and I hope the book doesn’t change as much when it will be turned into a movie.”

To conclude, many people-- fans or not, are clearly excited for this movie and have high expectations for it. The movie comes on March 23rd, and big crowds are expected at the theater. If you haven’t already preordered tickets, you should as soon as possible.