

# The Silence of the Lambs ↓

118 mins, USA, col

Dir Jonathan Demme

Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins,

Scott Glenn, Ted Levine



Director Jonathan Demme's *The Silence of the Lambs* broke new ground in the serial-killer genre by probing the darkest recesses of the mind. Trainee FBI agent Clarice Starling (Foster) visits convicted serial killer Hannibal 'the Cannibal' Lecter (Hopkins) in prison, hoping that he will help

her catch the murderer 'Buffalo Bill' by providing a psychological profile. Lecter gladly agrees, but at a price. For every bit of help he gives, he wants Starling to provide him with an intimate personal detail. He also wants a cell with a view, but after he is tricked into thinking his wish will come true he escapes to go on a murderous rampage. In the meantime Starling tracks down Buffalo Bill, paving the way for a chilling climax. The scenes between Foster and Hopkins are electric, and both won Oscars. Foster's performance is quietly powerful, while Hopkins exudes evil from behind a cultured veneer.