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Subject: Re: Book Recommendations?

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The Hannibal Lecter Trilogy are the pinnacle of American Literature in my opinion. The author uses his voice to give an encyclopedic description of whatever he wants you to notice. Those books took him the exact amount of time between their release, which is somewhere around 7-8 years and it really shines through. Thomas Harris is a master with words. The books, like so many movies, display the story the author intended.

Except for Hannibal Rising. He was basically forced to write the book. Thomas was given two options: Write the story himself in a very compressed time-frame or the studio would hire someone else. The results were something less than masterful. I say that book is definitely part of the story but not part of the canon, if that makes sense.

If you liked "TSOTL" and "Manhunter" movies than this is in the same tone and feel. Although "Hannibal" was made into a movie too, it changed the ending of the whole trilogy and did not tell the book's story very well. Again, "Hannibal Rising" was made to cash in (not by Harris) and "Red Dragon" was mediocre compared to "Manhunter"

The three books are:

Red Dragon

The Silence of the Lambs

Hannibal

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