

## **APPENDICES**

### **SYNOPSIS OF THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS**

The story begins when Clarice Starling, a young FBI trainee, being asked to carry an errand, by agent Jack Crawford, the head section of Behavioral Science in FBI to visit Dr. Hannibal Lecter to get information on Buffalo Bill a.k.a. Jame Gumb, a brilliant serial killer who wants to make a human-skin jacket throughout women's skins. He is deeply disturbed and unable to overcome the death of his mother; he wants to be like his mother and feels that he should not be in a man's body but in a woman's. For that reason he could be like a woman, and less like a man.

Starling had to swap information with Dr. Lecter about her personal life, and her biggest fear to get information about Buffalo Bill. Crawford has already told Starling never to give personal information to Lecter, because he could use it as his own psychological weapon.

In the end of the story, she gets caught in the fight for her life. Starling is in modus of self-defense and manages to kill Buffalo Bill, but somehow she felt that she should thanks Dr. Lecter because he wasn't just giving her the hints on "Buffalo Bill" but also releasing her from her nightmare.

## **BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR**

Thomas Harris was born in 1940, Jackson, Tennessee, United States of America. At a very young age, he had to move with all of his family back to his father's hometown of Rich, Mississippi. He lived and school there until he went to Waco, Texas to continue his study at Baylor University. From there he took English major and also worked part-time as a reporter at the News Tribune at night.

Harris' love life is not as good as his works. He met a fellow student, Harriet, married her, had one child, Anna, and in the end they got divorced in the 1960's.

Harris' career point started after his divorce. He started sending macabre stories to magazines like True and Argosy. He graduated at 1964 and took a brief period of time travelling Europe before finally working as a general-assignment reporter for the Associated Press in 1968 – 1974.

Since his career time as a reporter, especially in the criminal world and his great attention to detail, he started to write his first novel, Black Sunday (1975), Red Dragon (1981), Silence of the Lambs (1988), Hannibal (1999), and Hannibal Rising (2006). With these novels, the name of Thomas Harris is well-known around the world as the best suspense novelist.