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HANNIBAL RISING

A new novel

by Thomas Harris

author of **SILENCE OF THE LAMBS**

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Dr. Hannibal Lecter, the physician and monster who has fascinated millions, will return in **HANNIBAL RISING**, a new novel by Thomas Harris to be published by Delacorte Press in North America on December 5, 2006. Irwyn Applebaum, President and Publisher of the Bantam Dell Publishing Group, announced the highly anticipated publication today.

“Thomas Harris has written the most compelling psychological suspense of our time,” Applebaum said, “and each of his novels has been an event. In Dr. Hannibal Lecter, he has gone beyond creating a master villain to present one of the most irresistibly brilliant and disturbing characters in all of literature. Now, in **HANNIBAL RISING**, readers will at last learn of Lecter’s beginnings and will see the evolution of his evil.”

It is the fourth book dealing with the Doctor, who first appeared in *Red Dragon*, and subsequently in *The Silence of the Lambs* and *Hannibal*. All were multimillion copy bestsellers in the U.S. and Canada. *Hannibal* was a number one *New York Times* hardcover and paperback bestseller, with sales of nearly 1.5 million hardcovers for Delacorte in 1999 and more than three million Dell paperbacks.

Thomas Harris has written the screenplay for **HANNIBAL RISING**. The film, a Dino De Laurentis Company production of a Weinstein Company presentation, is being theatrically distributed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. (MGM) in the United States in February, 2007. All of Harris’ other novels have been made into major motion pictures, including *The Silence of the Lambs*, which won Academy Awards® for Best Picture, Best Screenplay Based on Material Previously Produced or Published, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Director.

HANNIBAL RISING will also be published simultaneously as a Random House Audiobook, read by the author on CD and cassette, and as a Random House Large Print Edition.

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