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Michael Mann's presence ensured that this thriller about an ex-FBI agent tracking down a serial killer would have a slick look and a pounding score. However, its pacing is more methodical than Miami Vice. That doesn't keep Manhunter from being an engrossing and involving movie that has the courage to change direction halfway through and actually create sympathy for the killer. Highly recommended.

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