## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



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JEFF VANDERMEER is considered one of the world's best fantasists. He is a two-time winner (six-time finalist) of the World Fantasy Award, as well as a past finalist for the Hugo Award, the Philip K. Dick Award, the International Horror Guild Award, the British Fantasy Award, the Bram Stoker Award, and the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award.

His fiction includes several surreal/magic realist novels and story collections, in particular City of Saints & Madmen, Veniss Underground, and Shriek: An Afterword, published by Pan Macmillan, Tor Books, and Bantam Books, among others, and has been published in twenty countries. His books have made the best-of-year lists of Publishers Weekly, the San Francisco Chronicle, the LA Weekly, and several others. His award-winning short fiction has been featured on Wired.com's GeekDad and Tor.com, as well as in many anthologies and magazines, including Conjunctions, Black Clock, and American Fantastic Tales (Library of America).

VanderMeer's nonfiction has or will soon appear in the New York Times Book Review, the Washington Post, the Huffington Post, and many others. In addition, he has edited or coedited more than a dozen influential fiction anthologies for Bantam Books, Pan Macmillan, and Tachyon Publications. On the pop culture front, VanderMeer's work has been turned into short films for Playstation Europe and videos featuring music by The Church.

As creative consultant and teacher, VanderMeer has lectured, conducted master classes, and given workshops all over the world, including at the Brisbane Arts Center in Australia, the University of California at San Diego, and Wofford College, in South Carolina. He is a frequent guest of honor at internationally recognized events, including Utopiales in France, the Bumbershoot Festival in Seattle, the Brisbane Writers Festival in Australia, Finncon in Helsinki, and the Walker Arts Center in Minneapolis. He is 41 years old and lives in Tallahassee, Florida. For more information, visit jeffvandermeer.com.

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