



## About Jeff VanderMeer

author of

### *Booklife: Strategies and Survival Tips for the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Writer*

Jeff VanderMeer has been involved in the publishing industry from almost all perspectives for twenty-five years as a fiction writer, book reviewer, editor, publisher, publicist, teacher, and creative consultant. In that span, he has had novels published in fifteen languages, won multiple awards, and made the best-of-year lists of *Publishers Weekly*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *LA Weekly*, and many others. His award-winning short fiction has been featured on *Wired.com* and *Tor.com*, as well as in *Conjunctions*, *Black Clock*, and *American Fantastic Tales* (Library of America). His nonfiction has appeared in the *New York Times Book Review*, the *Washington Post*, the *Barnes & Noble Review*, the *Huffington Post*, and hundreds of others. In addition, he has edited or co-edited more than a dozen influential fiction anthologies for, among others, Bantam and Pan Macmillan. VanderMeer's work has been adapted into short films for Playstation Europe and videos featuring music by The Church. He is a frequent guest speaker at conferences around the world.

#### JEFF VANDERMEER AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Previous books have made the best-of lists of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *LA Weekly*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Publishers' News* (UK), and *Locus*
- ◆ Short-listed for *Best American Short Stories*
- ◆ Two-time World Fantasy Award winner
- ◆ NEA Florida Individual Artist Grant recipient
- ◆ Florida Artist Enhancement Grant recipient
- ◆ Le Cafard cosmique award winner (France)
- ◆ Tähtifantasia Award winner (Finland)
- ◆ Shirley Jackson and Hugo Award finalist
- ◆ Series editor of *Best American Fantasy*

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- ◆ *City of Saints & Madmen*: a mosaic novel compared to the work of Paul Auster, Angela Carter, and Mark Danielewski. Praised by the likes of Alasdair Gray, it appeared on over twenty year's best lists, reprinted in seven countries.
- ◆ *Veniss Underground*: a visionary Boschian novel that received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly* and a rave review from Michael Moorcock in *The Guardian*.
- ◆ *The Thackery T. Lambshead Pocket Guide to Eccentric & Discredited Diseases*: co-edited by VanderMeer, this Monty Python-esque book of fake diseases is a cult classic, and was called "Hilarious!" by the *Village Voice*.
- ◆ *The Situation*: a dark office comedy, praised by Literary Lion Award finalist Kevin Brockmeier, "as if the workplace novels of Sinclair Lewis and Joshua Ferris had been inverted until they came out looking like a Terry Gilliam creation."

#### UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ◆ Booklifenow.com, featuring exclusive content about the writing life, and teaming up with Publishers Weekly's Booklife.com portal (live on September 15).
- ◆ Six-week West Coast/East Coast tour, including the Hugo House in Seattle, the Library of Congress, and twenty more.
- ◆ Two Booklife conferences, one in Portland, Oregon, and one in St. Augustine, Florida, planned for the summer of 2010.
- ◆ *Finch*, VanderMeer's groundbreaking noir/fantasy thriller, described by Ken Bruen as "Cormac McCarthy, via David Goodis with an amazing nod to Lovecraft." along with a soundtrack by Murder by Death.
- ◆ *The Kosher Guide to Imaginary Animals*, a hilarious examination of whether the sasquatch and the ominous pollo maligno are kosher, with additional commentary by Ace of Cakes star Duff Goldman.
- ◆ *Last Drink Bird Head*, a "flash fiction" anthology for literacy charities, featuring Oscar-nominated musician Henry Kaiser, NYT bestseller Peter Straub, and more.
- ◆ Guest speaker at events in Finland, Portugal, and New Zealand, among others.

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