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The Nature Store carries Area X T-shirts and the three volumes of the Southern Reach Trilogy. The shirt has become our biggest seller.

Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, “Area X,” stmarksrefuge.org, 2025.

We’re living on an alien planet to begin with, because we don’t even know this world that we are, in effect, *colonizing*, and subjecting to our will all the time. I really, truly believe that in order to survive as a species (and this *is* a very science-fictional theory), we need to be able to imagine the world without us in it. This isn’t to say I think the world *should* be without us in it, but that we have to get beyond the idea that everything is here either to serve us, or that we’re here to be a steward for it.

“South of Reality: Jeff VanderMeer,” *Locus* 73, no. 1 (July 2014): 54.

1831	St. Marks lighthouse begins operation
1835–42	Second Seminole War (sparked by Indian Removal Act)
1931	St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge established
1960	St. Marks lighthouse automated
1968	Jeff VanderMeer b. PA, raised in Fiji (parents in Peace Corps)
1988–91	attends U of FL (drops out)
1989	VanderMeer, <i>The Book of Frog</i> (self-published)
1992	attends Clarion Workshop
2007	J. and Ann VanderMeer, <i>Best American Fantasy</i> (Canton, OH: Prime)
2008	J. and A. VanderMeer, <i>The New Weird</i> (San Francisco: Tachyon)
	J. VanderMeer, <i>Predator: The South China Sea</i> (Milwaukie, OR: Dark Horse, 2008)
2010	BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico (largest in history); “a dark, horrible spiral through my mind” (<i>Atlantic</i> , 2015)
2014	VanderMeer, <i>Annihilation</i> (New York: FSG); Nebula Award, 2015
	<i>Authority</i> (New York: FSG)
	<i>Acceptance</i> (New York: FSG)
2016	J. and A. VanderMeer, <i>The Big Book of Science Fiction</i> (New York: Vintage)
2018	<i>Annihilation</i> , dir. Alex Garland
2024	average global temperature exceeds 1.5 °C above pre-industrial level
	<i>Absolution</i> (New York: FSG)

Sources: “South of Reality”; www.fws.gov/refuge/st-marks; climate.copernicus.eu.