

# VanderMeer's City of Saints / Story Suites

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Jeff Prucher — 12 May 2002, 21:00

--- Nicholas Gevers wrote:

Just a few words about Jeff VanderMeer's extraordinary  
book CITY OF SAINTS & MADMEN, now available in  
hardcover (Prime Books).

In a curious confluence of threads, I'd like to mention that in his review of this book ([http://www.locusmag.com/2002/Reviews/Lalumiere03\\_VanderMeer.html](http://www.locusmag.com/2002/Reviews/Lalumiere03_VanderMeer.html)) Claude Lalumiere posits the word "mosaic" to describe "books made up of previously published stories that form a whole more unified than the standard story collection," attempting to fill in the same perceived gap in the language that Le Guin coined "story suite" to fill. I'm not sure what it means that there have been two alternative suggestions posited within a month or two of each other, since this is not exactly a new type of book.

-Jeff Prucher