

What's Up With.....

Stefani Deoul - television producer turned writer

Rehoboth area resident and longtime television producer Stefani Deoul (*Dresden Files*, *Missing*, *Dead Zone*) may be up in Canada producing the new television series *Haven* for the SyFy network, but she's flying back and forth to the U.S. to promote her debut novel *The Carousel*, published by A&M Books. (www.aandmbooks.com).

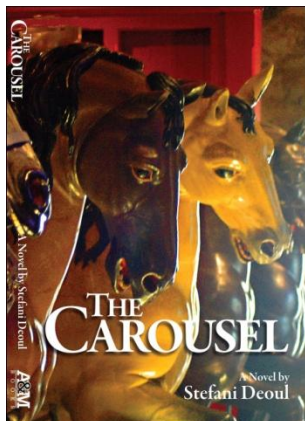
Stefani Deoul, has long been an East Coast gal with a West Coast and Canadian TV career. A Rehoboth resident on and off over the last four years, Stefani has recently enjoyed spending time, coffee cup in hand, hunched over her laptop, engaged in her passion for writing. In addition to *The Carousel*, Stefani has written for *Curve Magazine*, *Outdoor Delaware* and many others and has penned both short stories and film and television treatments.

Stefani's novel tells of a road-weary and puzzling woman who arrives in a small town and discovers an abandoned treasure of old wooden carousel horses. Her quest to restore them begins a ripple of gossip, mystery, and a restorative journey for the horses, herself, and the curious collection of townspeople taking the tumultuous ride to grab the brass ring.

Stefani will be back in Rehoboth March 26-28 for the Rehoboth Writer's Conference where she will be reading from her book, hanging out at Browseabout Books and taking part in panels on publishing and editing. That appearance will be followed by readings and signings at the famed Saints and Sinners book conference in New Orleans, May 13-16.

Maribeth Fischer, author of three novels, including the nationally successful *The Life You Longed For* says "It's not only the story itself—of finding beauty and belonging in the places—and people—where one least expects it, that makes *The Carousel* linger in the reader's mind long after the last page is turned. It's the writing - the gorgeous, heartbreaking, lyrical writing."

While Stefani is waiting for *The Carousel* to take off on best seller lists (fingers crossed!), she's even colder than we've been here on the coast – she's working in Halifax, Nova Scotia. "I have my 40-below gear" she assures us. Her new series *Haven* is based on Stephen King's short story, *The Colorado Kid*. *Haven* begins when FBI Agent Audrey Parker arrives chasing a murderer and finds herself confronting supernatural events while unexpected clues arise that tie her own lost past to this mysterious town.



So it seems that Stefani likes the mystery genre. But don't let her fool you. *The Carousel* spins with elements of romance, psychological intrigue and some fascinating insight into the beautiful and historic world of the carved wooden carousels. Oh yes, and how friendships and connections in a small town can be magical and lifesaving.

"It's been an amazing personal journey and there is a parallel, an irony, which isn't lost on me," says the author. "I set out to write a small story, a story about a small town and the people who live there and the impact that these relationships have, which ultimately became my story-moving to Rehoboth Beach and finding the people and the friendships which have led me to this still unbelievable moment. As different as my novel and my life are, it is in its core, life imitating art and I am truly grateful."

