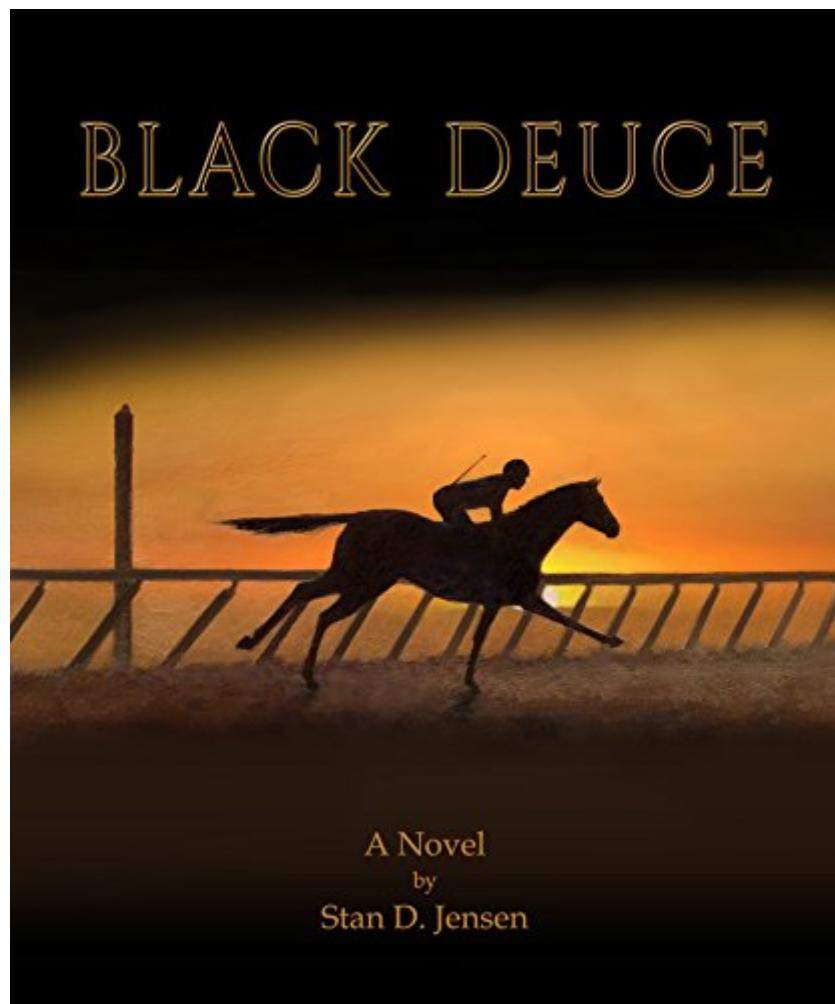


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## Black Deuce



## Synopsis

Haunted by the memory of a murdered father, Sam Jack struggles with a failing marriage and a failing career as a thoroughbred trainer. Enter Emily Brandt. Driven to near madness over losing her husband and son in a devastating barn fire, Emily involves Sam in an intricate plot to save her farm that begins the day her lone-surviving broodmare dies giving birth. Enter Black Deuce. And enter jockeys and grooms. Enter mob bookmakers and gamblers. Enter horse owners, race track officials and an extraordinary number of other characters who join to tell the story of a racehorse and a man determined not to give up his dream. In *Black Deuce* Stan D. Jensen uses his intimate knowledge of horse racing to tell an exciting, tension-filled story, a story in which good and evil engage in their eternal duel to the sound of thundering hooves. "I loved this book! The author nailed it! You speak to a racehorse through your hands!" • Randy Meier, Chicago Hall of Fame jockey "After over forty years in racing, I can say the author has left no stone unturned, he tells his story dark side and all, and in a meticulously detailed way even the layman can understand. Great writing!" • Charles Chiple, Clerk of Scales Hawthorne Racecourse About the Author Stan D. Jensen received his bachelor's degree in history and his master's degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa. He has owned racehorses, and spent the 1980s as a jockey's agent. His short stories have been published in the magazine "The Backstretch." • *Black Deuce* is his third novel. Mr. Jensen lives in Clinton, Iowa, and continues to write. Also by Stan D. Jensen Red Otter Ethan's Peach Tree

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This wonderful novel takes me back to the decade during which I spent weekends at the local horse tracks and the interesting and varied personalities who became my friends. This is a special world full of hopes and dreams, astonishing victories and devastating defeats. The author brings the track atmosphere and both human and equine residents to life, weaving a fascinating tale of a once in a lifetime horse and those who nurture and believe in him. Step into the story of thoroughbred racing and the characters who inhabit it and enjoy! I highly recommend it.

Absolutely enjoyed this wonderful, real to life, story of a racehorse and the people who work with him. The backstretch is like a city, where people work and live hard. This story is delightful, and right on the money about the love many have for the horses, and the feelings you get when your horse is running. The author does a wonderful job with a good main plot and several smaller that are interesting. The characters are well described, you care what happens! Any who loves horse stories needs to read this book, but also has a nice mystery about family, the past, and doing things for those you love

Well written and definitely keeps you in suspense. Every now and then the story line becomes obvious as to a particular outcome but then the author takes you in another direction and you are engrossed again. You must read through the epilogue to see how all the Black Deuce connections end up, including the feral shed row orange tabby cat ratter.

I have just finished reading Black Deuce. I was a jockey for 20 years and I can assure you, both the plot and the characters in this novel are authentic. The situations they find themselves in are the daily life of trainers, owners and grooms on the backstretch. Every jockey dreams about riding a horse like Black Deuce. I wish I had! Congratulations Stan Jensen on a real page turner. I fell in love with your main characters and especially with your equine star.

This is a truly wonderful story told wonderfully. The pacing is so good I raced right alongside the

horses to move through the pages. Characters are thoroughly developed as is the deep relationship with the horses. I don't know a lot about racing but didn't need to in order to love the book.

Really enjoyed this book. The words take you to the racetrack--you can smell the hay and the horses and feel the dirt in the air. I was surprised and happy with the "love story" in the book. It was a book about racing but also about people and their hearts! Highly recommend.

Hope to see more racing books from this author!! This has been a lovely read, bringing back many happy memories and showing both sides of race track life.

Great book! Great plot! Great characters! I enjoyed every aspect of this story!! As a seasoned horse trainer I can attest to the authenticity and flavor of the backside and racing life. Go Black Deuce!!

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