

# Mics and Men: DJ Turns Author

Former local radio personality Tim Steele's first novel, "The Affairs of State" (21st Century Publishers, London), debuts in bookstores this month. Set in 1940 and 1941 — before Pearl Harbor — this work of historical fiction examines how history might have been altered had both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt been caught having affairs with women.

"I got the idea during the whole Clinton impeachment," Steele said. "What would have happened if this kind of question had been asked of previous presidents? The Roosevelts were distant enough to be history but recent enough so people could grasp it."

Steele spent eight months researching and writing the novel, which he submitted to only one publisher.

"I literally wrote it just for me. I wasn't going to try to publish. I printed a copy out and put it on the coffee table. My kids told me, 'If you don't try to get this published, we will be really mad,'" Steele said. "The book is complete fiction with a lot of history and fact-based information interwoven. If you're not a history major, you won't know where the history ends and the fiction begins."

For more information about "The Affairs of State" and author Tim Steele, visit [www.tim-steele.net](http://www.tim-steele.net).



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