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The stated skein algebra of a surface is a refinement of the usual Kauffman bracket skein algebra of a surface which introduces diagrams containing stated arcs meeting the boundary of the surface. The power of this refinement follows from a splitting homomorphism between algebras induced by cutting a surface along an ideal arc. Additionally, there is an isomorphism between the stated skein algebra of the bigon and $O_q(SL(2))$. We discuss some algebraic properties of these algebras, explore the extension to stated skein modules of 3-manifolds, and keep an eye toward applications in low dimensional topology. (Received February 04, 2020)