

Shopaholics unite

Sydney's shopping secrets are revealed in a new book **which will have North Shore shopaholics champing at the bit.** Report CAROLINE BOTTING

Sydney's dedicated shopping set united last week for the official book launch of Tali Shine's *The Glam Girls Guide to Sydney Shopping*.

Guests packed Paddington's The Corner Shop to help Shine, a Sydney columnist and part-time model, celebrate her guide revealing Sydney's best kept shopping secrets.

Returning from a European jaunt and seven months in New York, 22-year-old Shine was disappointed at not being able to find the places she longed to shop.

"All the shopping guides weren't comprehensive enough. They didn't tell me where I wanted to go," Shine said.

She realised writing a guide of her own would help other shopaholics in need.

"I was always writing lists for people and giving advice on where to shop, so I decided I should write a guide of my own," she said.

Shine personally visited hundreds of shops, eateries and salons from Bondi to the City, so Sydney's glam girls could find the absolute latest and greatest shopping destinations.

"I didn't tell them who I was or what

I was doing as I didn't want to get any special treatment," she said.

"Just to make sure that it wasn't a one-off, I went back again.

The book gives brief details of each of Shine's favourite locations, broken down into the suburbs of Sydney.

Ms Shine's second edition to her book, launching in a couple of months, will include new chapters on where to shop on the North Shore.

"Manly and Mosman are great places to shop, so I'll definitely be looking to research places over there," she said.

"My favourite places would have to be the Bathers' Pavilion Café at Balmoral Beach and for pampering definitely the Leonard Drake spa."

There are also tips on clothing and accessory maintenance, repairs, and even a chapter on how to be "pampered like a princess".

Soon to launch her shopping book in New York at the up-market Elizabeth Charles boutique, Shine will be giving shopping tours later in the year, and has recently been approached to do a spot on television.



Tali Shine ... guiding glamour girls. Photo Nick Wood