

# Shopaholics unite

Sydney's shopping secrets revealed. Report CAROLINE BOTTING

Sydney's 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, 22, a Sydney columnist and part-time model, celebrate her guide which reveals Sydney's best kept shopping secrets.

Returning from a European jaunt and seven months in New York, Shine was disappointed at not being able to find the places where 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," Shine said.

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

"If you're in a retro, rock-star shopping mood head to Darlinghurst. For a hip, young and funky feel go to Bondi and for a glam society-girl look, Double Bay's the place," Shine said.

There are also tips on clothing and accessory maintenance, repairs, and a chapter on



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

how to be "pampered like a princess".

Soon to launch her 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.