

# Shining secrets

**Stylish shopping secrets have found their way into print** through local writer, model and actor Tali Shine. **Report** ANDREA TOMAZ

Tali Shine, of Bellevue Hill, is a self-confessed shopaholic and glamour princess – and now she's making a career out of it.

Having recently returned from a boutique-hop through Europe and a writing stint at New York Fashion Week, this 21-year-old has just released a self-published book, *The Glam Girl's Guide to Sydney Shopping*.

Aimed at those who aren't afraid of designer price tags and indulgence, this shop-by-shop walking handbook uncovers the city's best fashion, beauty and after-dark spots.

"The truth is Sydney has some of the best shopping in the world," Ms Shine said.

"You go to a fashion show in, say, Paris, and it's incredible. But it's not necessarily all that wearable. And the city has high-end fashion and then it has mass-produced clothing, but not much in between.

"But here in Sydney, you go to Fashion Week and think, 'I want this . . . I'd wear that . . . I love this.'

"We have the best of both worlds because we get luxury labels, some imported stuff, and also local

designers with unique pieces that are accessible."

Ms Shine lives by the rule that if you want the finest stilettos in town, then you should swipe your credit card to the limit with pride and a clear conscience.

"But it's still not really just about buying expensive things," she maintains.

"It's finding quality pieces that are classic and you'll use for a long time."

While shopping for a job may sound like bliss, Ms Shine says there can be occasional rough spots.

Her work has made her pound a lot of pavement and as all her research was independent and anonymous, there were no free pedicures or cocktails along the way.

"I guess self-publishing was also a challenge at times, but I like a challenge," she said.

Besides being an author, Ms Shine is also a model, columnist and has had guest roles in TV shows, including *Xena: Warrior Princess*.

One dollar from each sold copy of her book goes to Fashion Targets Breast Cancer.



Tali Shine shopping  
it up in Paddington.  
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