

The Expert's Black Book



Nicole Miller "My favorite place to find a dress no matter the occasion! Her bridesmaid's dresses also make great party dresses; my favorite is the strapless Dupioni silk with tulle in black." 1419 North Wells Street, 312.664.3532



Zella Brown "This new shop in Wicker Park has great chairs. The Taylor chair is really chic and comfortable and practically hugs your body. It's the perfect chair to relax in after a long day on my feet. I bought one already, but I'm going to get a few for my studio too." 1444 North Milwaukee Avenue, 773.276.1746



Alternatives Shoes "Because my clothing is generally understated chic, I like to rock out when it comes to shoes. Curtis and his sister never fail to hook me up! Recently I bought this killer pair of python wedges in brown snake skin." 942 North Rush Street, 312.266.1545



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RASHIDA B

owner, *The B Spot Chicago*

Rashida spends her days grooming the brows of Chicago's well-heeled set. She has a great rapport with many other local business owners and reveals some of the shops that never let her down:



The Silver Room "I buy tons of pieces here. They carry this Breil Snake necklace that can be sculpted into different shapes, like wearable art. I tell my clients all the time not to be fooled by the name. Eric (the owner) will custom order pieces that aren't even in the store." 1442 North Milwaukee Avenue, 773.278.7130



Club Monaco "There is always a deal to be found at this place. I get slacks for work that have a great tailored fit, as well as cute little tops for going out. And on top of all that, they have a full return policy which makes my life easy." 900 North Michigan Avenue, 312.787.8757