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Little black book

SECRET ADDRESSES FROM STYLISH PEOPLE

GWENDOLYN CARRIE, 39, is a shoe designer. She was born in Haiti and studied at Princeton University in America. Her flagship store opens next month in London

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Miller's Residence

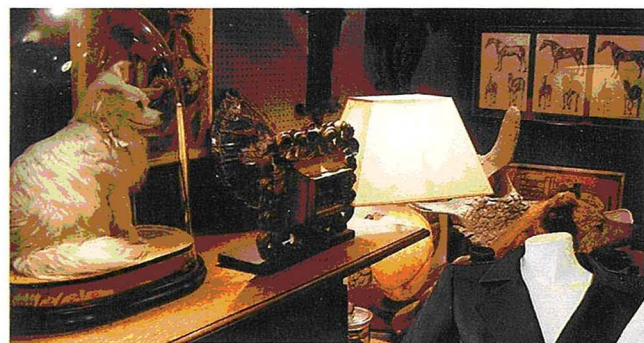
London W2

A small hotel themed around an opulent bygone era. It's somewhere you'll always meet an interesting group of people especially at **cocktail hour** when guests congregate in the beautiful reception room to enjoy a tippie or to browse the fantastic reading materials provided. millersuk.com



Lost Gardens of Heligan Cornwall

Tucked away in a remote part of Cornwall, these gardens are full of tropical colours and smells - **you can lose yourself for hours.** heligan.com



Natural History London W11

Rare examples of museum-quality antique taxidermy, amazing shells and other articles of nature are housed in this stall at Portobello market. I use fish skin in my shoe designs and, although the artefacts may not be to everyone's taste, this stall is a great source of inspiration to me. (020 8926 7297; Saturdays 8am-2pm or by appointment)

Decades Los Angeles

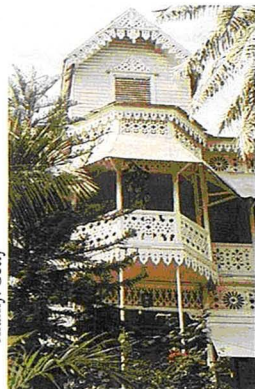
ONE OF THE BEST STORES

FOR VINTAGE CLOTHES I'VE EVER BEEN TO - I always go there when I'm in LA. There is also a concession in Dover Street Market, which I also love as it's a shining example of how diverse and original London shopping can be. (00 1 323 655 0223)



Stephen Sprake London SW6

ABOUTIQUE FURNITURE SHOP WITH ECLECTIC ITEMS SOURCED FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. INTERIORS AND INTERIOR DESIGN ARE VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART, AND I'VE TAKEN A LOT OF INSPIRATION FROM THIS SHOP FOR MY NEW STORE. (020 7381 3209)



Hotel Oloffson Haiti

Set in lush tropical gardens in Port-au-Prince, this hotel is a 19th-century Gothic mansion and was the inspiration for the fictional Hotel Trianon in Graham Greene's novel *The Comedians*. It has been a good place for me to relax and collect my thoughts. (00 509 233 4000)

Silk Society London W1

You can whip up a show-stopping number for a fair price when you buy material from this shop. One of London's hidden gems, it stocks hand-embroidered fabrics and endless unusual silks in small runs. A delight for all the senses. (020 7287 1881)