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Signing offers romantic afternoon

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While all those in attendance at Oct. 25's book-signing might not agree with the title of Northsider Sari Robins' latest book, "All Men Are Rogues," the afternoon will provide a spa escape fit for a Greek goddess.

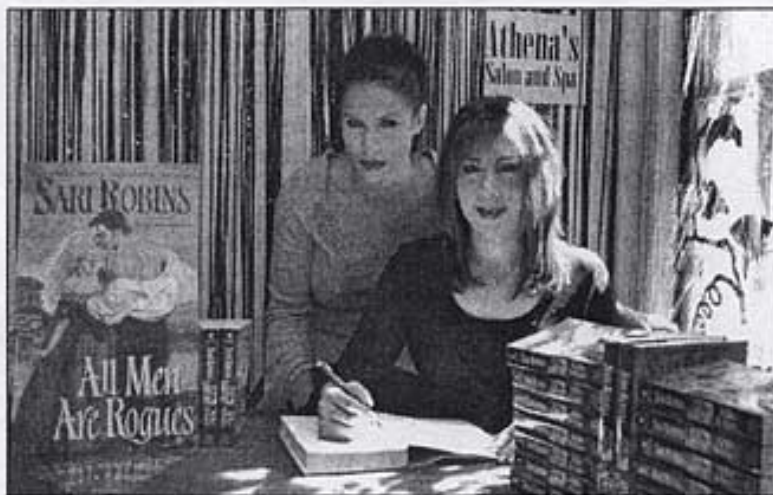
At Athena's Salon and Spa, 217 Buckhead Ave., from 1 to 3 p.m., guests can meet the author and receive free mini-facials and chair massages — the type of treatment characters in Ms. Robins' books are used to receiving.

Ms. Robins said she always was fascinated with England's Regency period — roughly 1811 to 1820 — when high society was in full bloom, King George was going mad and the Prince Regent was in power.

While travel provided plenty of opportunities to read authors like Julia Quinn and Amanda Quick, Ms. Robins said it kept her away too much from her family. Soon after leaving as a senior attorney with Delta, she was compelled to pick up the pen herself, completing "Her Scandalous Intentions" in nine months.

"As soon as I tried it, I was hooked," she said.

The manuscript got her a



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two-book contract with Avon/HarperCollins. "All Men Are Rogues" hit the shelves in August and Ms. Robins' third book, "One Wicked Night," is due out in July.

Since Ms. Robins doesn't read books while she's working on one of her own, she called "All Men Are Rogues," "the book I wanted to be reading at the moment."

The novel follows Evelyn Amherst, the daughter of a diplomat and spy who must fulfill her father's dying wish. Her encounters lead her to Lord Justin Barclay and a path of deception, love and redemption.

"I was interested in creating a story of the ultimate betrayal," she said.

According to reviewer Susan Wilson, "Readers will be up all night with this keeper."

Although many people Ms. Robins' knows aren't usual readers of romance, they usually enjoy it after they try it out.

"It's an amazing escape, and it's a positive message," Ms. Robins said of the genre. "The people in the books are challenged to become better."

And, she added, the reader is guaranteed a happy ending.

Both books will be available at the book signing at Athena's, hosted by owner Joahanna Barron, and are sold in many area bookstores.

For more information about the book signing, call (404) 266-0809. To learn more about Ms. Robins' books, visit www.sarirobins.com.

"The book-signing is a reflection of all the support I'm getting from my community and the enthusiasm for what I'm doing," Ms. Robins said.

Joahanna Barron, left, owner of Athena's Salon and Spa in Buckhead, will host a book signing with romance novelist Sari Robins, right, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

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