

ON MY NIGHTSTAND

I discovered Julia Stuart through her first work, The Matchmaker of Perigord, and couldn't put it down. This is her latest New York Times bestseller, and I'm equally smitten. Set in present-day London, The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise is an exquisite story of love, loss, and a one-hundred-eighty-one-year-old pet. \$14.95, barnesandnoble.com

re your neglected shoes and clothes begging for some love and care? My secret? A quick hop over the hill to **Ventura Blvd**, the land of easy parking, yummy outdoor cafés and the best repair shops. Here's my hit list of tried-and-true places that I've relied on for years.—Lisa Wayne

Favorite Shoe Repair

Life is good when your trusted shoe repair guy

shares your passion for your Louboutins. Vahan can breathe life back into your vintage Hermès bags, or rebuild your favorite Pradas from the soles up! Shoe Repair Factory and Supply, 12754 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, 818-508-1008

Favorite Med Spa

Prepare to fall in love with Ronda, her talented staff and the many unique treatments they offer. Blue Medi Spa, 14622 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, 818-783-3600, bluespa.com

Favorite Hair Salon

Edgy atmosphere, and if you need a same-day appointment, they'll usually squeeze you in. Ask for Drea, she's my fave. Cappella Salon, 12816 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, 818-506-1450

Favorite Nail Shop

No waiting, ever! Ask for the "no chip" topcoat—it's owner Sandy Tran's secret! Mailan Nail Salon, 12446 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, 818-980-1870

Favorite Dry Cleaner

Owner Shari Stearns of Ultimate Cleaners is on-hand every day to care for your most prized possessions. She's been doing this for 23 years, so, safe to say, she can clean anything! Ultimate Cleaners, 12754 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, 818-509-8700





how great these hair products were but didn't believe it until I tried them. They're from Japan and really

work. Nigelle **ER Shampoo** and Hair Treatment.

Especially good for thermally reconditioned hair. Nigelle ER

Shampoo, \$18; Hair Treatment, \$30, milbon-usa.com







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Favorite Tailor

perfect length: 1/4 inch from the

ground in heels. Nip in all of your

dresses at the waist, and reposition

take you from off-the-rack to fabu-

Sherman Oaks, 818-788-9191

Sit outside on the plush ban-

quettes for people-watching

and try the egg salad sand-

wich, a classic with their own

Café, 13824 Ventura Blvd, Sher-

unique twist-delish! Sweet Butter

Favorite Outdoor Café

lousness! Detail N Design Custom

Tailoring, 4327 Woodman Ave,

blouse buttons to show off your

cute figure. Little tricks that will

Owner Nara knows

details. Take the time

that it's all in the

to have all of your

pants hemmed to that