



Now available from Magnolia Publishing, the fourth novel to date from author, Vicki Allen.

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THE EMERALD COAST'S PERFECT COMPLIMENT? A GREAT READ

ALEXANDRIA, La., May 11, 2009—This summer, the perfect complement to the Emerald Coast's sun, sand and crystal-clear waters is author Vicki Allen's fourth novel, *Drink One To Me, Christian Bennett*. A tale of drama, romance and adventure, *Drink One to Me, Christian Bennett* transports readers to the exotic locales and quaint villages of Mexico, the Bahamas and beyond.

Born youngest of four children into a large family of old money, American photographer Abigail Christensen entered a world already expecting great things of her, and spent her entire life trying to conform, striving to please a family she knew she never could. Finally breaking free of stifling conventionality, she travels with her brother to Mexico, drifting from province to province as she captures photographs for an upcoming exhibit, wishing she had settled for the monotony of her previous lifestyle when she attracts the attention of legendary drug lord, Esai Molinero.

With a fast-paced story and a lovable heroine, *Drink One to Me, Christian Bennett* is beach reading at its best.

Author Meet & Greet and Book Signing Opportunities

FRIDAY, May 29:

- 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.—BAYOU BOOK COMPANY—at: 1118 John Sims Pkwy E.; Niceville, Fl. 32578
- 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—SUNDOG BOOKS—at: 89 Central Square; Seaside, Fl. 32459

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About Magnolia Publishing: Founded in 1999 and headquartered in Pineville, La., Magnolia Publishing has emerged to become the largest and oldest independent book publisher in Central Louisiana. Now entering its second decade, Magnolia—a family-owned, specialty publisher—serves up nostalgic literary treats for *Audiences Who Are Southern or Southern At Heart*. This, coupled with author, Vicki Allen—and her ability to articulate southern ideals and sensibilities—has created a loyal following of multi-generational fans. In April 2009, Magnolia released *Drink One To Me, Christian Bennett*, the fourth novel by Allen, whose previous works include *For Molly*, a southern coming-of-age story (1999); *The Search for Shannon*, fiction finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award (2000); and *The Return* (2002). Allen's books are available in select boutiques and specialty gift shops and online at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Booksamillion.com, MagnoliaPublishing.com and others.