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the fourth novel from author, Vicki Allen.

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## SEPT. 27: SHREVEPORT BOOK SIGNING WITH VICKI ALLEN

### “Drink One To Me, Christian Bennett” Brings Affordable Economic Escape to North Louisiana

ALEXANDRIA, La., Sept. 8, 2009—Fall reading lists aren't just for students headed back to the classroom. With local unemployment figures hovering around **8.9 percent**, Bossier City/Shreveport residents looking for a distraction from the current market situation may find a much-needed and affordable “economic escape” between the covers of a book that offers travel, adventure, drama and romance.

*Drink One To Me, Christian Bennett*, the fourth novel from Southern author Vicki Allen transports readers to warm beaches and exotic locales of Mexico, the Bahamas and beyond—all from the comfort of home:

*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 fall reading at its best.

#### **MEDIA COVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES**

■ **Interview Louisiana's own Vicki Allen**

■ **Review the book**—For your review copy, contact Tracy Clement: [TClement@RobinTracy.com](mailto:TClement@RobinTracy.com) or (770) 401-8753

■ **Author “Meet and Greet”/Book Signing**

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