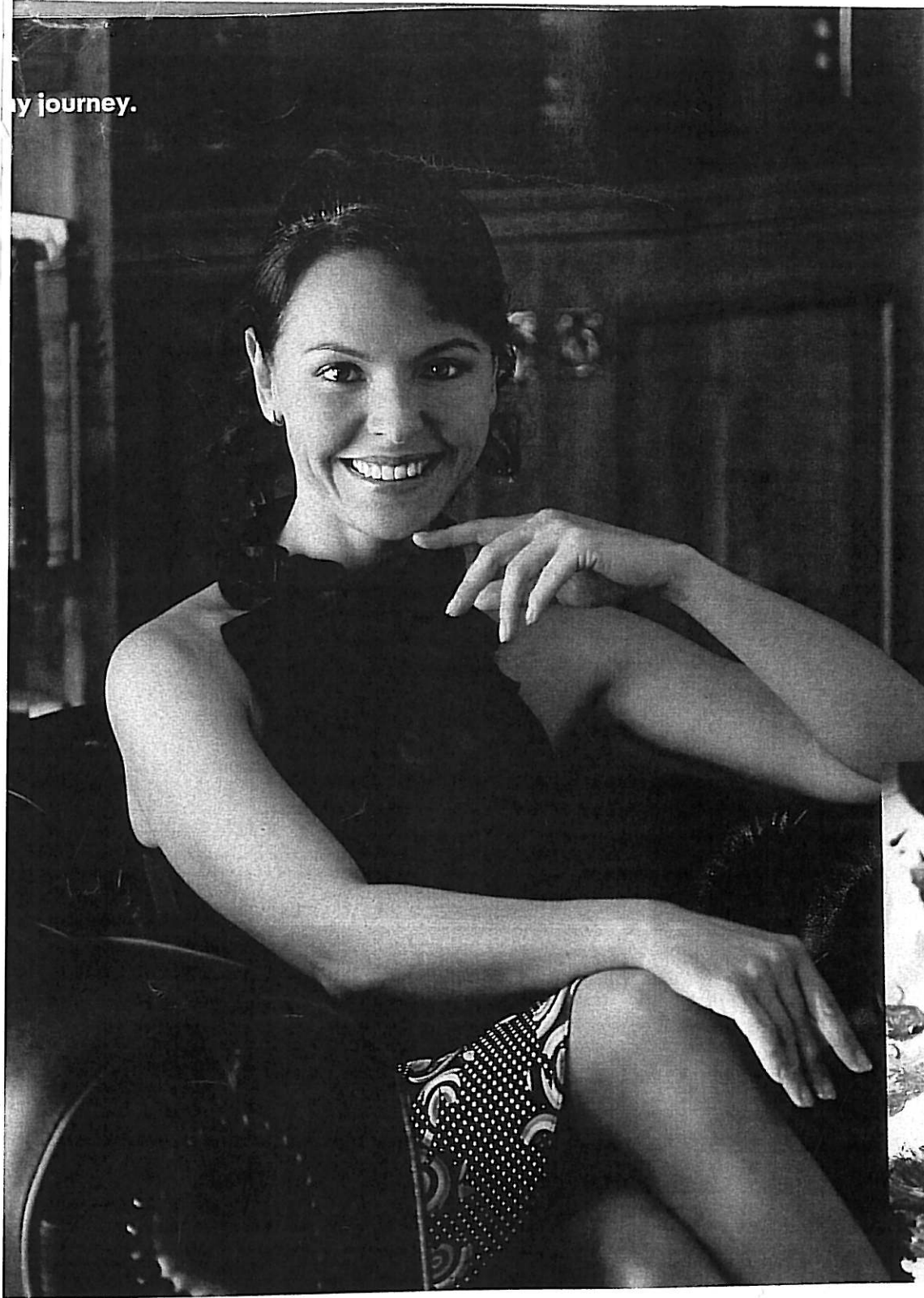


by journey.



Anna's first painting, *Irises*, (opposite, bottom right) received much interest and eventually fetched \$16,500.



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Russian-born Anna Rubin, 38, left behind her privileged upbringing and homeland and discovered Australia, where she finally found home, and drawing inspiration from the European Masters, unearthed her raw talent as a painter. As told to Heather Grant.