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**H**IS books are bestsellers in Australia, his life story a testimony to thousands of youths across the world.

Dale Beaumont is only 25, but his books as well as his personal development workshops are well-received in his home country, and most recently, Singapore, where he is conducting seminars for several days.

During a phone interview last week, Beaumont talked about his travels around the world, his lifestyle, how much he loves his work and his future plans. Born and raised in Sydney, he never thought he would become a best-selling author.

"Growing up, my dream was to become a gymnast and to represent Australia at the Olympics," shares Beaumont.

He trained as a gymnast for six years, and then shifted his focus to competitive aerobics. He didn't make it to the Olympics, but competed internationally on many occasions until he was 19, becoming the National Aerobics Champion in 1998.

Having finished a chapter of his life, Beaumont gave some serious thought as to where he was headed, and realised he had to make a decision on what he would do next.

With good friend Brent Williams, Beaumont then wrote his first bestseller, *The World at Your Feet*, and co-founded Tomorrow's Youth International, a society which runs educational and motivational programmes for youths aged 13 to 21.

"I realised that while school impart textbook knowledge, many young people didn't have the skills needed to survive in a modern society," says Beaumont.

After starting the programme, he realised that he needed to do

more in order to help more youths around the world.

"We could only reach a small amount of people. You would have to be there in person; so we decided to write more books to reach out to them," says Dale, whose wife Katherine co-writes with him.

Today he is the author of *Secrets Exposed* series, a collection of books featuring highly successful young people and their stories of how they got to where they are.

Beaumont travels the world giving motivational seminars to young people, and in Singapore already over 1,000 people have approached him with their testimonials.

"There's been great feedback from people that have come to the programme. They've been to all different types of seminars but never had as much fun or learnt as much as they did here."

What makes his seminars different from the rest?

"Well, first of all, we play a lot of loud music, and we have dancing and laser lights. We have this huge video screen and we play games throughout the seminars," says Beaumont.

An important feature in all Beaumont's seminars is helping young people to set goals for their future, because many don't know how to plan in advance.

"A lot of people are very introverted, lacking confidence, we help get them out of their shell and help them to become a little bit more open and expressive.

"I suppose the other real message that we talk about is just helping them to become more motivated, to not wait for things to happen."

If you think that someone who writes about such serious issues doesn't have

much fun in life, think again.

Travelling is one of his many passions.

"When I'm not working I like to go to the movies, the beach, and travelling," says Beaumont, who also plays basketball, squash and soccer.

"The great thing about being an author is, as long as you have Internet access, and a computer, you can work from anywhere. It's great being paid to do what you love."

With such a wealth of knowledge and an air of confidence at his young age, one

wonders where Beaumont acquired his life skills.

"I read lots of different books on personal development, learning as much as I could and attending lots of seminars. I'm very fortunate to have spent some time with highly successful people."

Having been featured on the cover of magazines in Australia and garnering a huge following, Beaumont hopes it won't stop there. Coverage in *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *Channel News Asia* is his ultimate goal.

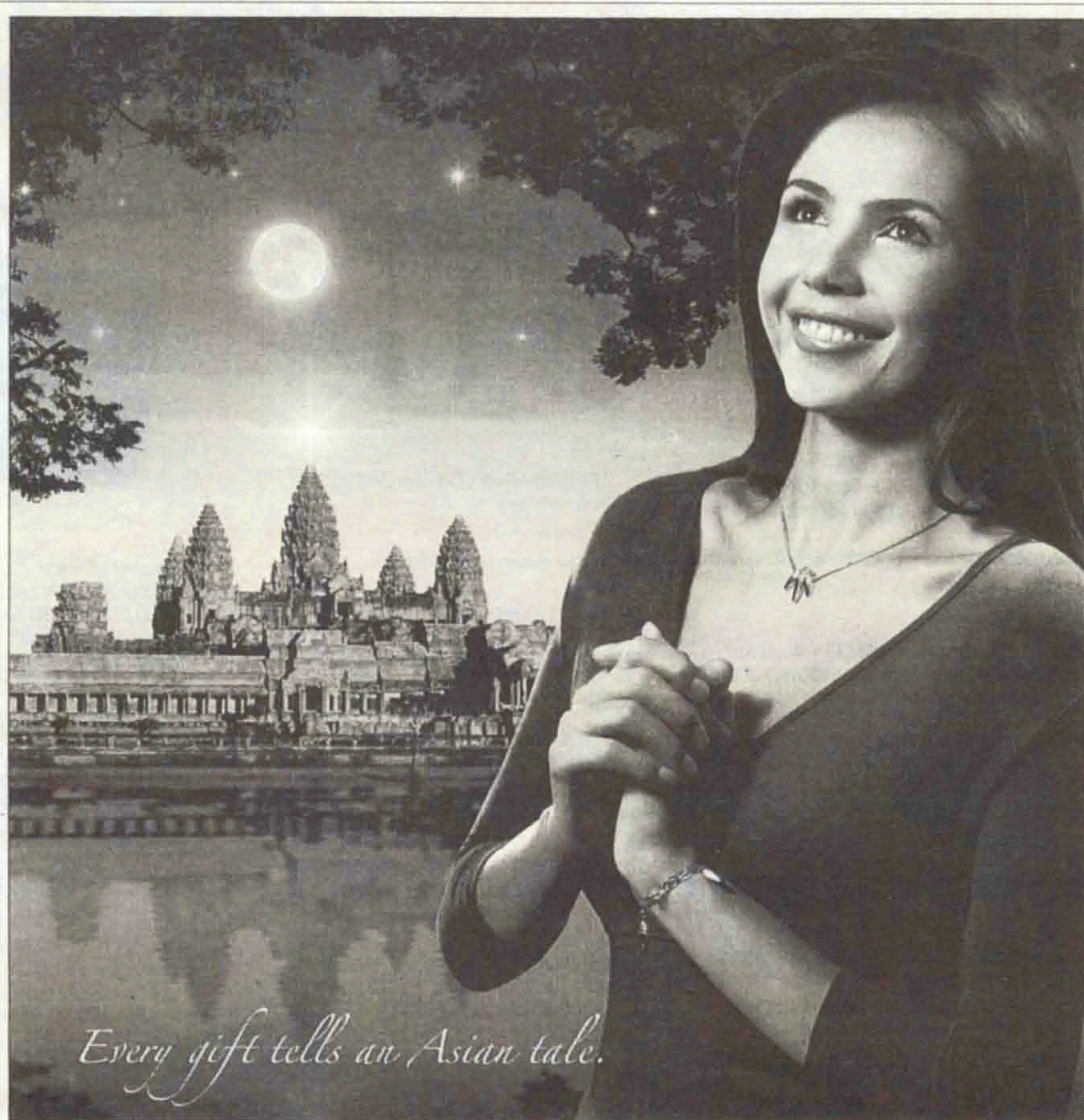
Beaumont says he will be visiting Malaysia in May or June next year.

After he returns from Egypt, he is planning another 10 books for next year.

"Everything that I do I really enjoy. It's not really working if you love to do it. I've met a lot of people who are unable to follow their real passion because circumstances don't allow it.

"I'm very blessed to have this opportunity and I never take it for granted," he says.

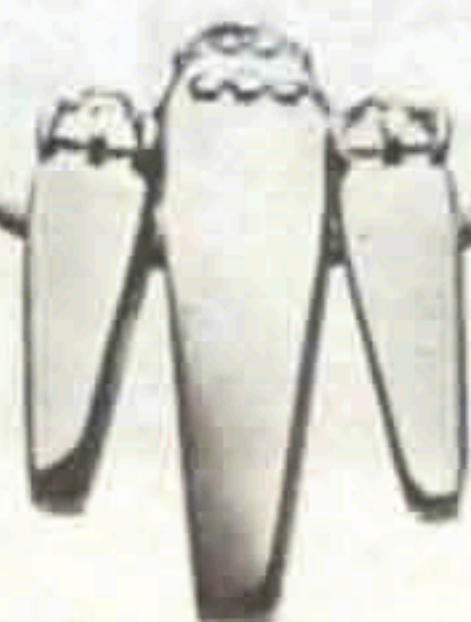
Interested in reading about successful young people? Look out for these books by Beaumont: *Secrets of Female Entrepreneurs Exposed*, *Secrets of Male Entrepreneurs Exposed* and *Secrets of Young Achievers Exposed*.



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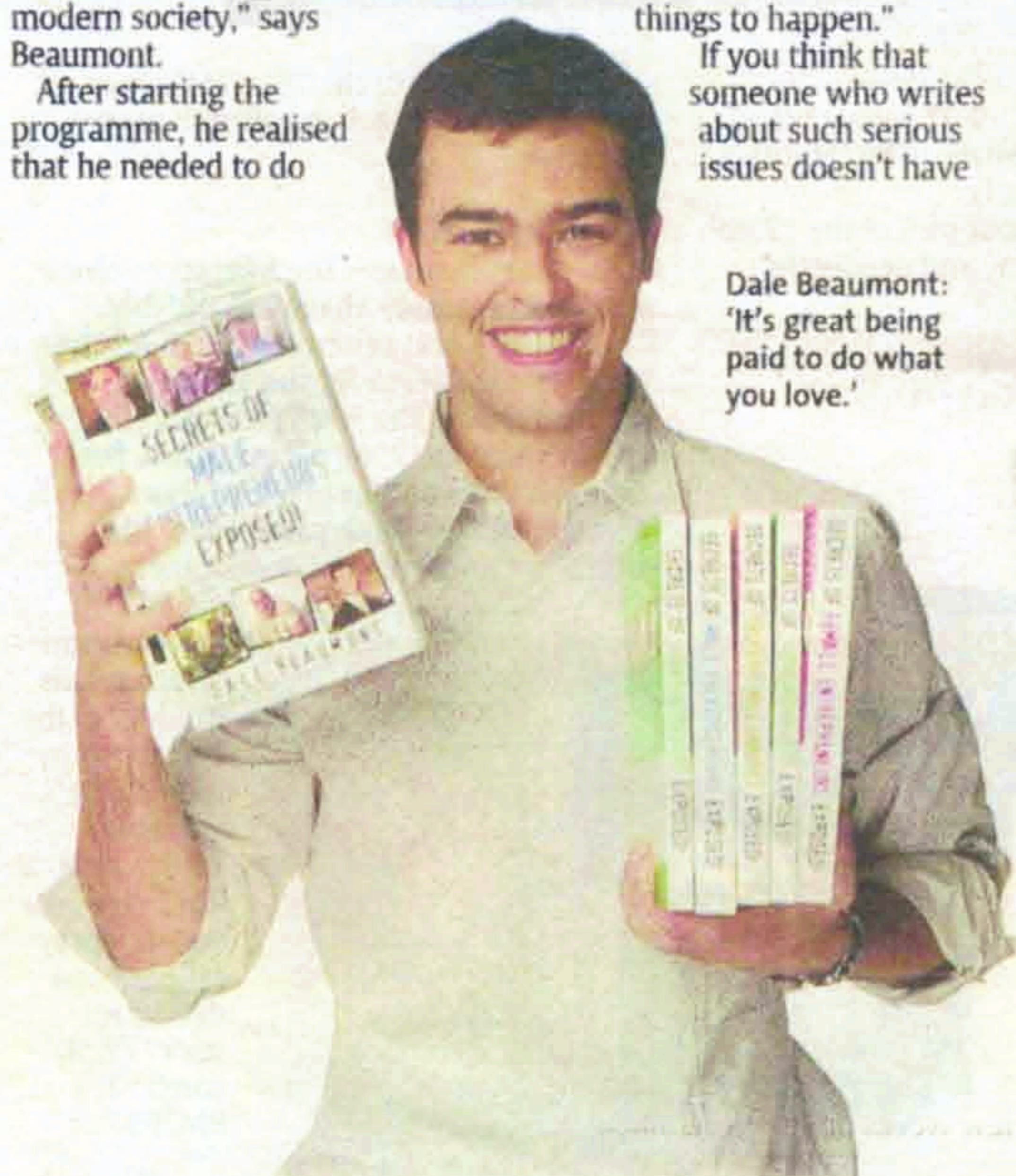
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