

# METRO 60 seconds



Actress **ANNASOPHIA ROBB**, 19, stepped into Sarah Jessica Parker's Manolos in TV's *The Carrie Diaries* and plays a moody teenager in *The Way Way Back*

**What does *The Way Way Back* say about teenagers?** It's about that time when you're figuring out who you are. It's that summer when, for a teenager, you feel lost. It's about those awkward, lonely summers where everything's changing but everything feels the same.

**You've been acting since childhood. What have your summers been like throughout your teens?** All my summers

have been busy but last summer was definitely a transitional period. I'd just graduated from high school; I was about to do *The Carrie Diaries*; it was the first film I'd done without my parents on set, because I was 18, so it was eye-opening.

**The film is about family dramas during a summer holiday. Have you had any memorable summer trips?** I'm from Colorado and I love white water rafting on the

Colorado River. I went rafting on camping trips with my family and other families when I was younger, before I started acting. I like to go on road trips now. This past summer I did one with two friends. We were driving out to LA but we took a longer route through Zion [National Park in Utah] and the Grand Canyon.

**It's interesting seeing Steve Carell playing a serious role. What was he like?**

He's hilarious. He's also one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet but he plays such a dick. When I think of Steve, I think of a gentleman. He'd always be opening the door for everyone.

**Is it true you turned down a place at Stanford University to pursue acting?** I haven't turned it down, I'm just

deferring. For sure I will go, probably to study English, the humanities and writing.

**You're playing a younger Carrie Bradshaw in *The Carrie Diaries*. Were you a fan of *Sex And The City*?** I love

it so much. Every storyline is universal. The women are asking questions about who they are and what they want. People will always be dating, there's always going to be sex, there's always going to be fashion, babies, relationships. We can laugh with them and we can feel their pain.

**Is Sarah Jessica Parker a fan?** I don't know but she wrote me a letter when I landed the role wishing me luck and said she knew it was in good hands. It was very comforting.

**Which SATC girl are you most like?** I definitely feel a kinship to Carrie. She's a mix of all the girls. I'd say just by playing her, I'm morphing more into her.

**Is fashion as important to you as it is to Carrie?** I don't know if it's as important. Carrie Bradshaw is such a style icon. SJP and SATC with Pat Field [the original show's stylist/costume designer] is a whole look. Eric Daman [costume designer on *The Carrie Diaries*] is creating the younger look. It is more '80s and kitsch but we're trying to bridge between current styles and what was popular in the '80s.

**Has playing Carrie influenced your own style at all?** I'd definitely say I wear a lot more patterns and col-

ours and layers. I want to have as much fun with what I wear as Carrie. She's not as intimidated by what people might think. She just goes for it.

**Who are your favourite designers?** Carven, Rebecca Minkoff, Marc Jacobs. There are so many wonderful and talented designers. I like to wear a bit of everything.

**Do you have time for socialising or is it all work now?** This is my second season so it's nice, I know a lot more people in New York. It's been easier to grab dinner with friends. Having a social life is something you have to work at.

**Any good dating stories?** One of my friends asked me to the school prom. We didn't really know each other that well. I love carrots. I don't think he knew that at the time but he left a trail of carrots for me to follow. I found a carrot in my locker and another at lunch. I went to my friend's house then home and there were carrots at my back door and throughout my room. I found one in my shoe later. They were in my bed. With the last ones he had a sign that said: 'If you carrot all, lettuce go to prom.' Very punny!

**Describe your perfect day.** I'd go for a bike ride, then have a big, fun breakfast, take my dog for a walk, go shopping, have a late lunch and see a movie, come back and play board games and go outside.

**Do you have a gruelling fitness regime?** I used to do gymnastics. Now I work out a lot. I have a trainer and we do all sorts of things: Pilates and cycling, yoga too. If I don't work out, I get really angst and depressed.

**Any goals?** I'd like to be a yogi. I'd like to have that peace about me and go through life day by day with not a care in the world. **Elaine Lipworth**

*The Way Way Back* is in cinemas tomorrow.



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