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## EGMONT TO PUBLISH NEW FICTION SERIES BY KATY BIRCHALL

- Hotel Royale: Secrets of a Teenage Heiress to publish January 2018-



**London, UK: 30.03.17** – Egmont Publishing are delighted to announce a major new fiction acquisition for 10+ readers from author Katy Birchall.

Lindsey Heaven, Fiction Editorial Director at Egmont Publishing, signed a two-book deal with Lauren Gardner at Bell Lomax Moreton for world rights. ***Hotel Royale: Secrets of a Teenage Heiress*** – the first in the Hotel Royale series - will publish 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, with book two following in September the same year.

*Hotel Royale: Secrets of a Teenage Heiress* is the start of a hilarious new series, set in the same universe as Katy Birchall's *The It Girl* series, which has now sold in thirteen languages.

Flick's family have owned The Royale – one of London's most prestigious hotels – for generations. But Flick isn't that interested. She *is* interested in the newest guest – superstar celebrity Skylar Chase, and Sky's mega-famous group of friends, including dreamy YouTube star, Ethan Duke. But just as Flick gets the chance to join their glittering squad, she gets grounded following an unfortunate incident involving a prince, a wardrobe and a selfie stick (it could have happened to anyone!). With only her Instagram star pet dachshund, Fritz, for company, will Flick find a way to escape The Royale and join the fame game?

Lindsey Heaven commented:

*'When Katy first joined us after a hotly-contested auction we knew we had discovered an exciting new talent. Her hoards of It Girl fans, and new ones alike, will be delighted to discover that the hilarious new series Hotel Royale about a pampered hotel heiress brings all the same very special warmth, wit, friendships – and this time even a demanding dachshund named Fritz!'*

**Katy Birchall** is the author of the side-splittingly funny *The It Girl: Superstar Geek*, *The It Girl: Team Awkward* and *The It Girl: Don't Tell the Bridesmaid*. She also worked at *Country Life* magazine as their Deputy Features Editor. Katy won the 24/7 Theatre Festival Award for Most Promising New Comedy Writer with her very serious play about a ninja monkey at a dinner party. Her pet labradors are the loves of her life, she is mildly obsessed with Jane Austen and one day she hopes to wake up as an elf in *The Lord of the Rings*. Katy lives in Brixton, London.

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**Notes to Editors**

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