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Beauty queen knows how to tell a good story

FORGET the bitchy 4inchheels blog that had Sydney talking - the latest peek inside a women's magazine is *Air Kisses* by **Zoe Foster**.

Foster was beauty editor at *Cosmopolitan* before becoming beauty director at *Harper's Bazaar*. But her cheeky chick-lit novel is less about nasty mag hags and more about one gal's search for love and the perfect shade of lipgloss.

"Beauty editors get so many incredibly wild and luxurious experiences. I just thought no one would believe us if I told

them the kind of stuff we do. We got flown to Byron Bay for lunch one time and taken to see Gwen Stefani in Hummers with champagne flowing. It's such an incredibly privileged life and I thought someone should write about that, and that someone should be me," Foster laughs.

The result is a hilarious and endearing read, but Foster warns it's a work of fiction - so her boyfriend of 10 years, rugby league hottie **Craig Wing**, doesn't need to worry that their relationship will be revealed between the covers.

"I have no doubt that people will read into the relationship in the book because the protagonist's boyfriend is high profile. But, no, I didn't want anything about Craig in the book so I was really careful nothing could be misinterpreted," she says.

Not that Foster will have much time to worry - she's editor of *primped.com.au*, a new beauty website that launches next month, and Penguin have signed her up for a three-book deal.

"So from now on I'm basically attached to my laptop and fed through an IV drip."



Wild experiences ... first time author Zoe Foster delves into the incredibly spoilt life of beauty editors. Photo: Jacky Ghossein