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**The @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES Presents Katie Roiphe and Her New Book, *The Violet Hour: Great Writers at the End*
Interviewed by James Atlas**

(February 9, 2016, New York, NY) – On March 10th, the @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES welcomes celebrated cultural critic **Katie Roiphe** (*In Praise of Messy Lives*) to read from and discuss her new book ***The Violet Hour: Great Writers at the End***. In her latest work, Roiphe investigates the final days of five great thinkers, artists and authors: **Susan Sontag, Sigmund Freud, John Updike, Dylan Thomas, and Maurice Sendak**, and offers an arresting and wholly original meditation on mortality.

Following her reading, Roiphe will be joined for an interview by author **James Atlas**, a longtime contributor to *The New Yorker*, as well as a former editor of *The New York Times Book Review*.

The March 10th event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 7PM at **Macaulay Honors College at CUNY**, 35 West 67th Street (between Central Park West and Columbus). It will include a book signing and informal reception. Books will be available for purchase; reservations are advised.

For reservations visit: <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/rsvp> or call (347) 460-4292.

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