

## DEAR READER,

When I started writing *I Kissed Her First*, concerts were *finally* back. My sister and I would hit refresh frantically while on the phone with each other as we waited in Ticketmaster waiting rooms. I refreshed the MLB website every day for a month until I got tickets to see Noah Kahan at Fenway, and I watched Taylor Swift in rain so hard it felt like I was standing in a shower at full blast.

There is something electric about seeing music in person, and for me, there was something even more exciting about imagining what it would be like to be part of a tour, which led me to watch TikTok's of what Olivia Rodrigo's chef cooked her each day of her tour.

And then I imagined what it would be like to combine my love for food with my interest in being behind the scenes on a career defining tour. The sights. The smells. The potential for romance.

I personally tried cooking several of the meals in the book and am now a pro at deshelling lobsters, and I hope that reading *I Kissed Her First* makes you hungry for both romance and all of the food they're eating, and feels as exciting as a great concert. Thank you for reading!



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