

Author Talk Questions:

What inspired you to write this memoir?

Did you interview your parents as part of the writing process when writing this memoir?

Describe how writing your personal essay for CBC influenced you to write your first book?

What advice do you have for fellow restaurant kids who may have conflicting feelings towards the family business?

Do you have any tips for aspiring memoir writers?

What have you learned about yourself and your family while you were writing Restaurant Kid?

Did you find your background in Journalism was helpful when working on your book? How was it different interviewing your family compared to other interview work you've done?

How do you think being a "restaurant kid" shapes who someone becomes later in life?

Are there any stories you included that you considered leaving out? If so, what made you decide to include it?

Did you discuss the idea to publish your memoir with your parents/family before putting it out? How did they react to your decision to publish it?

What was the hardest part of being a "Restaurant Kid"? What did you enjoy about being a "Restaurant Kid"?