

**START**

JOHN AMBROSE

I-17. Don't think I've forgotten that you haven't brought me my letter back yet.

LARA JEAN

O-62. John, I can't give you that letter back. It's too embarrassing.

JOHN AMBROSE

B-11. Oh come on, LJ. You have to! I need proof someone actually liked me in middle school.

LARA JEAN

Are you kidding? Everyone liked you! O-68

JOHN AMBROSE

I-24. No way. I was so awkward back then. Plus I had that terrible stutter.

LARA JEAN

I don't remember that. B-9

He looks at her like, "come on".

JOHN AMBROSE

G-48.

LARA JEAN

Fine but even with a mild stutter. You were still a hot commodity. At sleepovers girls used to ask each other if they were "Team Peter" or "Team John". O-60

JOHN AMBROSE

That's just it, though. Girls only pretended to like me because I was friends with Kavinsky. Do you remember the 8th grade graduation dance? I couldn't believe when Sabrina Fox asked me to go with her. But then she tried to dance with Peter the whole time. Even during slow songs when I couldn't pretend we were all just dancing in a "group".

(a beat)

B-2. Middle school is so weird.