



Taylor Swift

The four-time Grammy winner talks about her new album, turning the big 2-1 and her favorite crush-worthy guy.

Why I called my album *Speak Now* ...

My songs are like open letters. They say everything I wished I had said when certain people were standing right in front of me. I imagine I'll be getting a few text messages from these people once the album comes out.

How I write songs ...

I have an app on my iPhone that's a voice recorder. I'll be in the middle of a conversation and I'll literally walk away to record a bridge, a pre-chorus or half of a hook, then go right back to the conversation like nothing happened.

Person I'd most like to collaborate with ...

Jay-Z. Our genres are completely different, but there could be something cool about that.

My must-have makeup ...

CoverGirl has these Outlast lip stains that I like. I'm always throwing my hair around on stage and if I wear sticky lip gloss, my hair gets stuck in it—which is a total mess.

How I'll celebrate my 21st birthday [on December 13] ...

Maybe I'll have a glass of wine—but nothing too hard-core. I need to be in control of what I say, and if I drank, I'd stress out about saying the wrong thing.

On my life list ...

Seeing my album in Starbucks. I go there every day and I just stare longingly at the CDs they sell.

What I look for in a guy ...

Someone who loves you for who you are. I like doing cute art projects with glitter, and there have been guys who've made me feel like that's weird. But then there are guys who find it endearing.

A favorite Thanksgiving tradition ...

Eating the marshmallows in the candied yams.

My Hollywood crush ...

Taylor Lautner. It's always going to be Taylor.

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