

**Cooking time:** 10 minutes prep, 20 minutes active *Serves 2-3 as an entrée* 

4 ounces dried squid ink spaghetti
1 6.5-ounce can of whole clams
2/3 cup of good-quality olive oil
12 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 cup of fresh parsley, minced
1 and 1/3 cup of parmesan cheese, grated against a microplane
2-3 tablespoons of butter
Juice from ½ lemon
Salt to taste

## Aglio e Olio by the Sea

**Note from Chérie:** Skip the clams and squid ink linguine for the classic version of Aglio e Olio.

Heat olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic, stirring frequently until just beginning to golden. Add red pepper flakes, stir, and cook for a minute or so.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and add spaghetti, cooking until just a few minutes before your desired degree of al dente. Feel free to turn the heat down to its lowest setting if the garlic doesn't need any more time while the pasta cooks.

Scoop pasta out of the water and into your pan and toss until thoroughly coated with the garlic oil. Add a can of clams along with their juice, give them another toss to combine, and remove the pan from heat. Add parsley, parmesan, a squeeze of lemon, and stir to combine. Add butter and an additional 2-4 tablespoons of pasta water to create an emulsion. Salt to taste and serve alongside fresh bread or a simple salad such as arugula dressed in olive oil, lemon, and salt.

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