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Hassles, fights, fun times, and self-doubt—the story of three middle-school girls on a bike trip across France.

Mireille, Astrid, and Hakima don't conform to conventional beauty standards. At their middle school in Bourg-en-Bresse, near Lyon, they get called the "sausage girls": as much for the food they sell as they way they look in their clothes. When they find out their paths are to fatefully intersect at the president's house, the Élysée Palace, on Bastille Day, their summer seems all planned out: why not bike all the way to the garden party at the Élysée, selling sausages along the way? One thing they didn't count on, though, was how much media coverage they'd get. Why, they're even... famous! Between bad luck, good times, arguments, and self-doubt, the three girls take in the country roads of France on an odyssey of cheese-eating and gatecrashing dress balls and châteaux, feeling truly alive.

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