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When an antique gramophone sent as a birthday present to a bored little girl from a relative in Jamaica swallows its recipient and her friend, the victims are delighted. A tedious, wet, English summer vanishes, and the girls find themselves in the vibrant world of 1920s Harlem, where they join a travelling jazz and tap dance troupe, and have the time of their lives 60 odd years before they are born. A first novel, this is a pretty wild story, told in an exuberant, gossipy, highly conversational style. The evocation of a romanticised, lost, black America is vivid and exhilarating, and the twisted skein that links this world to the heroines' present is skilfully woven.

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