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Notes: Four friends spend their first summer apart, bound together through the distance by their love for each other, notes, and a pair of thrift shop jeans.

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We, the Sisterhood, hereby instate the following rules to govern the use of the Traveling Pants:

1. You must never wash the Pants.
2. You must never double-cuff the Pants. It’s tacky. There will never be a time when this will not be tacky.
3. You must never say the word “phat” while wearing the Pants. You must also never think to yourself, “I am fat” while wearing the Pants.
4. You must never let a boy take off the Pants (although you may take them off yourself in his presence).
5. You must not pick your nose while wearing the Pants. You may, however, scratch casually at your nostril while really kind of picking.
6. Upon our reunion, you must follow the proper procedures for documenting your time in the pants:
   - On the left leg of the Pants, write the most exciting place you have been while wearing the Pants.
   - On the right leg of the Pants, write the most important thing that has happened to you while wearing the Pants. (For example, “I hooked up with my second cousin, Ivan, while wearing the Traveling Pants.”)
7. You must write to your Sisters throughout the summer, no matter how much fun you having without them.
8. You must pass the Pants along to your Sisters according to the specifications set down by the Sisterhood. Failure to comply will result in a severe spanking upon our reunion.
9. You must not wear the pants with a tucked-in-shirt and belt. See rule #2.

Lena, Carmen, Libby, and Bridget are the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, friends since birth spending the summer before their sixteenth birthdays apart, scattered across the country and the world. The Pants accompany notes mailed from Greece to South Carolina, from Maryland to Baja California, keeping the four girls connected and in touch while have a summer full of good and bad adventures and experiences. Will the four stay true to their friendship? Will they stay true to themselves in face of new boyfriends, new families, new friends, and new challenges? What will the Pants smell
like having not been washed for the whole summer? To find the answers to these questions, read *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares.