



TILLIE THE TERRIBLE SWEDE

How One Woman, a Sewing Needle,
and a Bicycle Changed History.

By Sue Stauffacher. Illustrated by Sarah McMenemy.
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“In the old days, most girls came to America with a dream, but all Tillie Anderson had was a needle,” begins this winning account of a Swedish immigrant who desires to cycle and to pedal fast — “the speedy, scorchy, racy kind of riding.” Anderson, who went on to become the women’s racing champion of the world, is a figure fit for admiration, and her story, set against the bicycle craze of the 1890s — and matched with superb illustrations — will rivet readers.