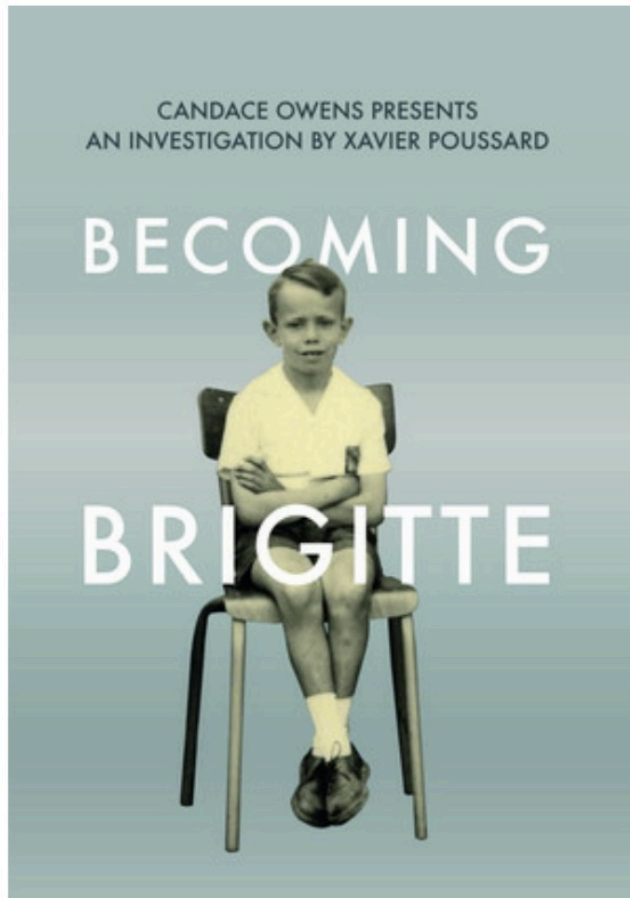


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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

On May 14, 2017, Emmanuel Macron, who was not widely recognized in the realm of French politics, rose to the position of president of France. His rapid ascent to prominence was truly remarkable, drawing the fascination of both the French populace and the global audience. At just 39 years old, Macron achieved the distinction of being the youngest president in the history of France, a remarkable and unprecedented accomplishment.

Macron's path to the Élysée Palace was shaped by his experiences in banking and his role as the Minister of Economy, Industry, and Digital Affairs during President François Hollande's administration. Even without conventional political experience, Macron's charm, intelligence, and forward-thinking ideas for a modern France struck a chord with a wide range of voters. His campaign, marked by a balanced approach and supportive language towards the European Union, resonated with individuals who felt disenchanted by the conventional left-right political spectrum.

Yet, the ascent of Macron to prominence cannot be credited solely to his political skill. An important element of his public image was his connection with Brigitte Trogneux, who was once his high school teacher and is now his wife. The depiction of their relationship in the media significantly influenced how the public viewed Macron, infusing his political story with an element of fascination and personal connection.

Brigitte, who is 24 years older, was first presented to the public as the graceful and encouraging companion who has been a steadfast figure in his life since his adolescence. Their connection, which started during Macron's time as a student under the guidance of Brigitte, his drama instructor, was depicted as a romance that

challenged societal expectations and traditions. The media often highlighted the unconventional nature of their romance, emphasizing the age difference and the circumstances under which they met.

The story of their relationship was thoughtfully shaped to highlight Brigitte's significance in Macron's life and professional journey. She was portrayed as the figure who fostered his intellectual and emotional development, remaining by his side as he navigated the trials of his political path. This depiction sought to reveal the personal side of Macron, showcasing him as a committed spouse and an individual with profound relationships.

Nonetheless, the way Brigitte was depicted by the media sparked several debates. As Macron's political journey progressed, the examination of their relationship intensified. Inquiries emerged regarding the chronology of their relationship, with early accounts indicating that Macron was 17 years old when he first encountered Brigitte, who was then 36. This account was subsequently updated, disclosing that Macron was indeed 14 when their journeys first intersected. The inconsistencies in the timeline sparked intrigue and discussion, resulting in increased attention from the media.

Amidst the debates, the depiction of Brigitte as a steadfast and impactful companion consistently emerged as a key element in the media's narrative surrounding Macron's ascent to prominence. Her presence enriched Macron's public persona, rendering him more approachable and down-to-earth. The spotlight on their relationship effectively redirected attention away from Macron's unconventional political background, altering the narrative to emphasize his personal life and the bond he shares with Brigitte.

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## CHAPTER 2

### EMMANUEL MACRON'S EARLY LIFE

Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron entered the world on December 21, 1977, in the northern French city of Amiens. He was raised in a middle-class household, being the firstborn among three siblings. Françoise Noguès and Jean-Michel Macron, his parents, were both distinguished in their fields; his mother practiced medicine, while his father held a position as a professor of neurology. In the formative years of Macron's life, a significant focus was placed on education and intellectual development, as his parents cultivated an atmosphere that promoted curiosity and a passion for learning.

Macron showed a remarkable talent for academics from a young age, coupled with a deep fascination for literature and philosophy. During his time at the Jesuit school La Providence in Amiens, he distinguished himself academically and started to cultivate a deep interest in the humanities. At this school, he first met Brigitte Trogneux, a drama teacher who would eventually become his wife and play a pivotal role in shaping his life.

#### His Academic Background and Initial Professional Journey

Upon finishing his secondary education, Macron relocated to Paris to pursue further studies. He began his studies at the esteemed Lycée Henri-IV, a distinguished preparatory institution celebrated for its demanding academic curriculum. While attending Lycée Henri-IV, Macron refined his intellectual skills and deepened his dedication to a path that intertwined his passions for literature, philosophy, and public service.

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In 1999, Macron gained admission to the École Normale Supérieure (ENS), recognized as one of France's premier institutions of higher education. During his time at ENS, he immersed himself in the study of philosophy, cultivating a keen interest in the writings of Hegel and Machiavelli. Macron's educational accomplishments and thirst for knowledge distinguish him from his contemporaries, establishing him as a notable emerging intellect.

Following his graduation from ENS, Macron continued his education at Sciences Po, a prestigious institution renowned for its focus on political studies in France. In this setting, he started to redirect his attention from philosophical pursuits to the realms of public policy and governance. During his tenure at Sciences Po, Macron gained a deep insight into political institutions and the complexities of policymaking, which would serve as a crucial stepping stone for his subsequent journey in public service.

In 2004, Macron became a part of the esteemed National School of Administration (ENA), known for shaping the careers of France's leading civil servants. ENA's demanding curriculum and focus on hands-on experience provided Macron with the essential skills and insights to adeptly maneuver through the intricacies of the French administrative landscape. After completing his studies at ENA in 2006, Macron began his journey in the French civil service, becoming a member of the Inspection Générale des Finances (IGF), a prestigious group of financial inspectors.

#### The Public's Early Unfamiliarity with Macron

In the early stages of his career, Emmanuel Macron, despite possessing a remarkable academic and

professional history, was largely unfamiliar to the broader public. His contributions at IGF included the analysis and management of public finances, a position that, although crucial, did not attract much media spotlight. Macron's role in the civil service provided him with a profound insight into economic and fiscal policy, yet it kept him away from the spotlight.

Macron's shift from the civil service to the private sector played a significant role in shaping his understated public persona. In 2008, he became part of Rothschild & Co, a global investment bank, where he swiftly advanced to the position of managing director. During his tenure at Rothschild, Macron engaged in significant negotiations and intricate financial dealings, notably facilitating Nestlé's purchase of Pfizer's baby food division. These achievements established his standing in the business world, yet they went largely unrecognized by the general populace.

Macron's rise from relative anonymity began with his appointment as the Deputy Secretary-General of the Élysée Palace in 2012, serving under President François Hollande. In this role, Macron served as a key advisor to the president on economic and financial matters, providing strategic insights and policy recommendations. His skills and compelling nature garnered him acknowledgment in political spheres, yet he remained relatively unknown to the general public.

In 2014, Macron emerged into the public eye following his appointment as Minister of Economy, Industry, and Digital Affairs. In this role, he led numerous prominent efforts focused on rejuvenating the French economy, fostering innovation, and boosting the nation's standing in the global arena. Macron's energetic style and skill in conveying intricate economic policies in a relatable way won him admiration from both the media and the general public.

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Yet, despite Macron's growing prominence, an air of intrigue lingered around his swift rise and atypical origins. Both critics and supporters found themselves captivated by his unique combination of intellectual brilliance, business insight, and political astuteness. The unique blend of attributes he possessed, along with his relatively young age, distinguished him from the conventional political landscape and sparked intrigue regarding his ability to effect significant transformation.

## CHAPTER 3

### The Media Blitzkrieg

Emmanuel Macron's ascent to leadership was not merely a political event; it was also a remarkable demonstration of media acumen. The vigorous media effort to showcase Macron and Brigitte as a couple significantly influenced public perception, enhancing Macron's reputation as a relatable and charismatic leader.

#### The Vigorous Media Campaign

As soon as Macron declared his intention to run for the presidency, the media erupted with narratives surrounding his personal life, especially focusing on his bond with Brigitte Trogneux. The effort to showcase Macron and Brigitte as a couple was carefully planned, emphasizing the distinct narrative of their romance. This account was crafted to portray Macron in a more approachable light, allowing him to connect with the public and shift focus away from the brevity of his political journey.

The extensive media campaign employed a diverse strategy, leveraging multiple platforms to share the narrative of Macron and Brigitte. The couple's image was shaped through a series of television interviews, magazine features, and social media posts. The campaign highlighted the richness of their connection, depicting it as a narrative of love that surpassed societal expectations and traditions. This account struck a chord with numerous voters, who perceived in Macron and Brigitte a contemporary and forward-thinking duo.

#### The depiction of Brigitte as an alluring educator

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The media campaign prominently featured Brigitte as a captivating and encouraging companion. Brigitte, once Macron's drama teacher in high school, was portrayed as a figure of sophistication and intelligence. Her influence on Macron's intellectual and emotional development was frequently emphasized by the media, portraying her as an essential presence in his journey and achievements.

Brigitte's experience as an educator infused the story with a sense of honor and esteem. She was depicted as an individual who devoted her life to the field of education, significantly influencing the development of young minds. This depiction not only elevated Brigitte's reputation but also cast a favorable light on Macron, implying that he was a person who appreciated intellect and self-improvement.

The media frequently highlighted Brigitte's looks, often portraying her as both appealing and fashionable. Her fashion choices captured the attention of magazines and social media alike, garnering widespread admiration for her distinctive sense of style. This focus on her looks contributed to making the couple more relatable and aspirational in the eyes of the public.

### The Story of Their Connection and Its Influence on Macron's Reputation

The story of Macron and Brigitte's relationship was thoughtfully shaped to showcase them as a contemporary and forward-thinking pair. Their romance unfolded in a manner that challenged societal expectations, starting when Macron was a teenager and Brigitte held the role of his teacher. The notable age gap, with Brigitte being 24 years senior to Macron, underscored the depth and genuineness of their connection.

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This account profoundly influenced the perception of Macron. It depicted him as an individual unafraid to defy norms and pursue his passions. The narrative of their relationship enriched Macron's public image, presenting him as more approachable and down-to-earth. It also shifted the spotlight away from his brief time in politics, drawing attention instead to his personal life and the bond he shared with Brigitte.

Nonetheless, the way the media depicted their relationship was fraught with controversies. As Macron's political journey progressed, so too did the examination of their relationship. Inquiries emerged regarding the chronology of their connection, with early accounts indicating that Macron was 17 years old when he first encountered Brigitte, who was 36 at that moment. This account was subsequently updated, disclosing that Macron was indeed 14 when their journeys first intertwined. The inconsistencies in the timeline sparked intrigue and discussion, resulting in heightened media attention.

Amidst the controversies, the depiction of Brigitte as a steadfast and impactful companion continued to be a prominent aspect of the media's narrative surrounding Macron's ascent to power. Her presence enriched Macron's public persona, lending him an air of relatability and a sense of being down-to-earth. The attention from the media regarding their relationship effectively shifted the spotlight away from Macron's absence of conventional political experience, redirecting the conversation towards his personal life and the robust bond he shares with Brigitte.

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## CHAPTER 4

### The Age Discrepancy

The connection between Emmanuel Macron and Brigitte Trogneux has consistently captivated and intrigued many observers. The early narrative of their encounter, the discrepancies in the chronology, and the later acknowledgment that Macron was just 14 when he first crossed paths with Brigitte have all added to the allure of their love story.

The early chapter of Macron's life unfolds with his encounter with Brigitte when he was just 17 years old, while she was 36.

When Emmanuel Macron first emerged in the political arena, the tale of his bond with Brigitte was framed as a romantic saga that commenced when he was just 17 and she was 36. This early narrative reveals that Macron attended La Providence, a Jesuit institution in Amiens, during his high school years, where Brigitte served as his drama instructor. The narrative unfolds the journey of a passionate young student captivated by his teacher, as their connection deepens over time, transcending the notable age gap between them.

This account was both engaging and contentious. It underscored the unique aspects of their connection, drawing attention to the difference in their ages and the mentor-mentee relationship. The media frequently depicted their relationship as a powerful example of love, one that could rise above societal norms and expectations. This depiction struck a chord with numerous individuals, who recognized in Macron and Brigitte a contemporary and forward-thinking partnership.

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The discovery that Macron first encountered Brigitte at the age of 14 elicited a variety of responses. Some individuals regarded it as a reflection of the depth and genuineness of their connection, whereas others expressed worries regarding the moral considerations of a relationship between an educator and a pupil. The disparity in age and the dynamics between teacher and student emerged as central themes in the discussion, sparking varied opinions on the appropriateness of their relationship.

In the face of challenges, Macron and Brigitte demonstrated unwavering dedication to their bond. They highlighted how their connection developed over time, noting that they chose to wait until Macron reached the legal age before embarking on a romantic relationship. This account sought to explore the ethical dimensions of their relationship, while also emphasizing the profound bond they shared.

The revelation that Macron encountered Brigitte at the age of 14 also carried significant consequences for his public persona. This aspect brought forth a sense of openness and genuineness to his character, showcasing him as an individual ready to share the intimate details of his life. This openness struck a chord with numerous voters, who valued Macron's readiness to confront the controversies directly.

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