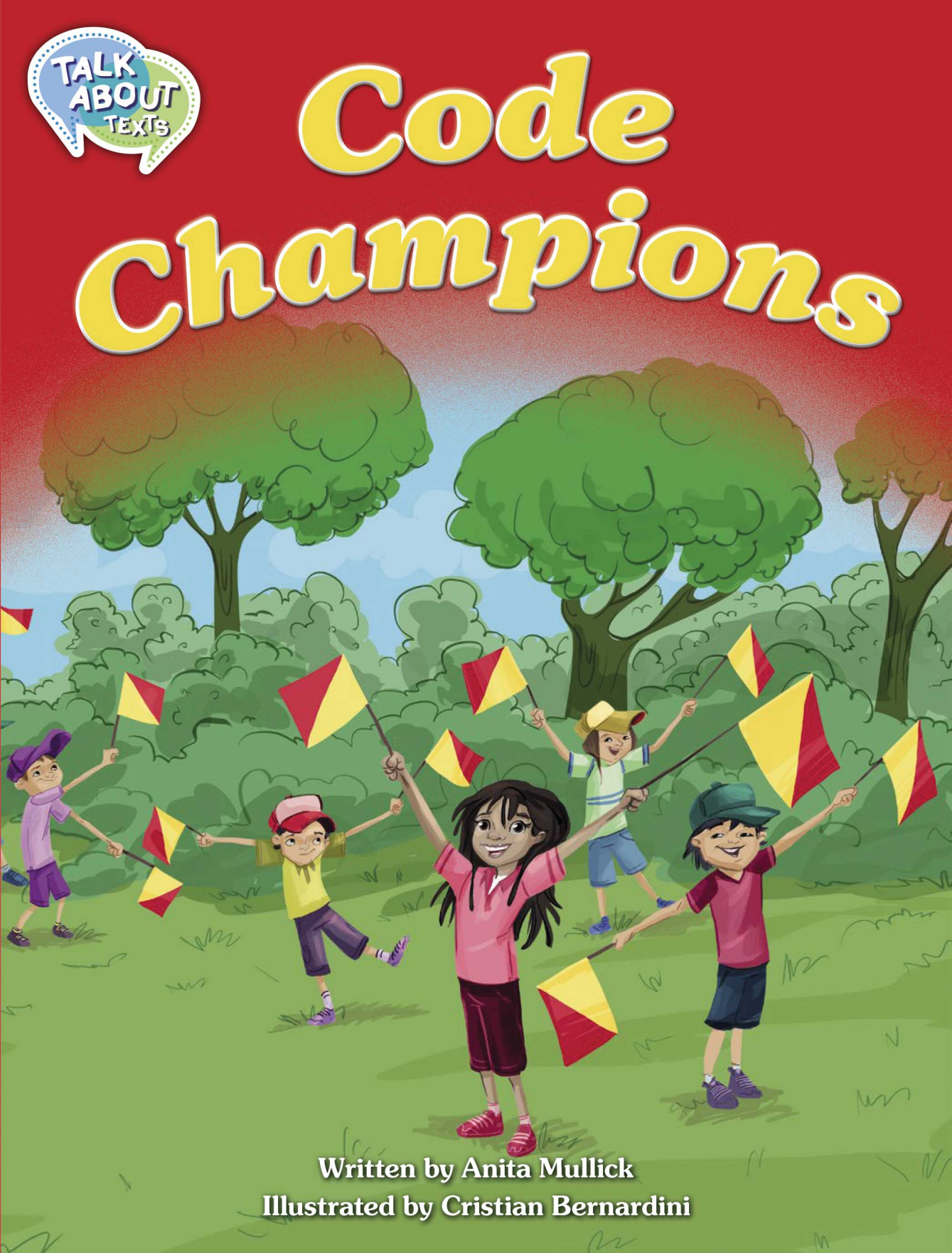
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Chapter 1

Tech-obsessed!



Caitlin and I have been best friends forever, well, since she moved to our street when she was little anyway. We used to play together in her sandpit. Now we're both in the same class at school and we don't crawl around in the sand anymore (not much anyway!).

After school, we usually hang out together. Mostly we play our favourite computer game, *Code Buster*, against each other.

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Sometimes, when I get stuck on my homework, I ask Mum if I can message Caitlin from my tablet. She rolls her eyes and says, "Charlie, you could just go to her house and talk to her, you know!"

Caitlin tells me that her dad mostly just sighs. He says we are "tech-obsessed"! I'd always thought he was exaggerating until Mrs Lim, our teacher, sent us home with a note about our upcoming school camp.

The note clearly said, "Phones, tablets and laptops are NOT permitted for the week."

"How are you going to cope, Charlie?" Mum asked.

"It's going to be the longest week of my life!" I groaned.

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