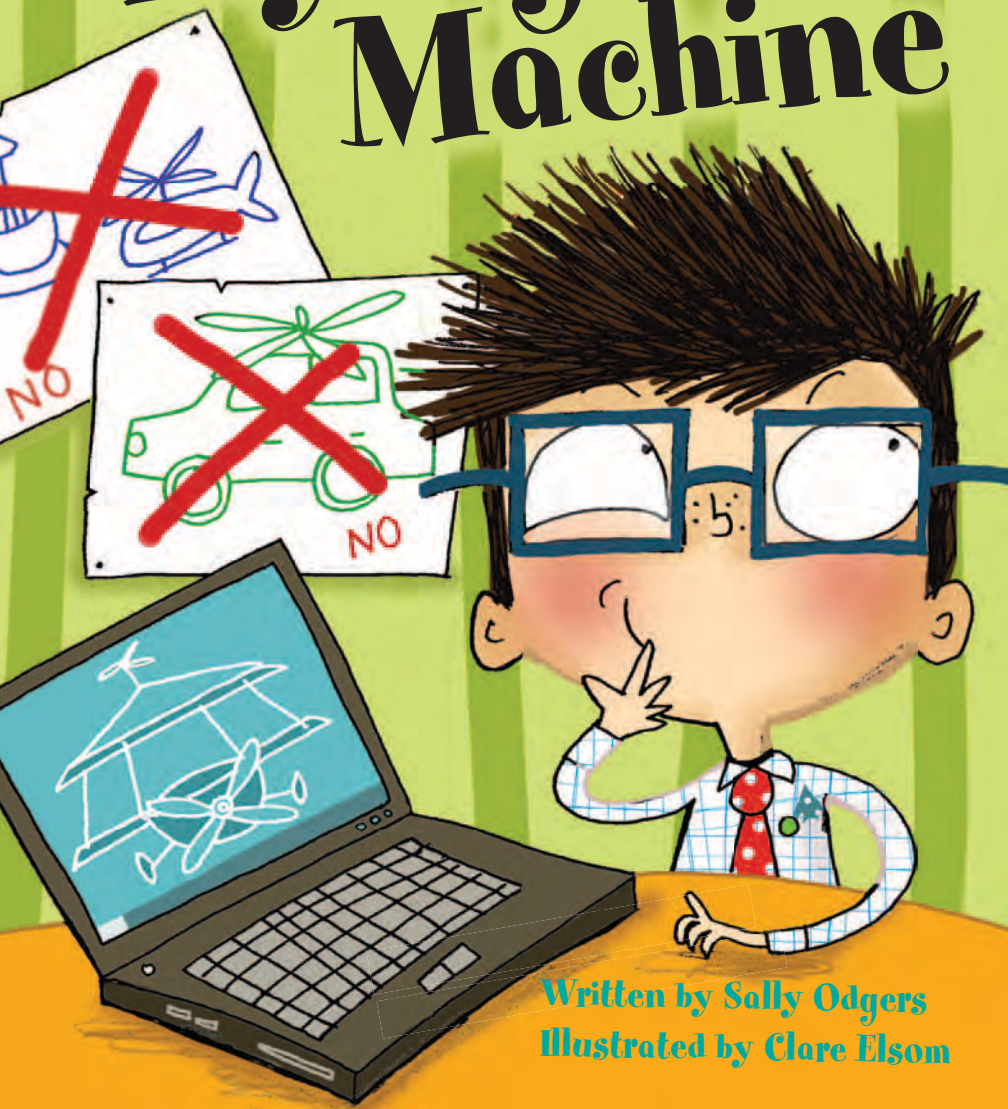
Felix and His Flying Machine



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Chapter One

Felix O' Finnegan and the Start of Things

Felix O'Finnegan was born with big ideas. When he was a baby, he found a skateboard under the stairs. He rode it out the front door and down to the river. His mother caught him just in time.

"Felix O'Finnegan! What are you doing?" cried Mrs. O'Finnegan. She carried him into the house and found his building blocks. "Play with these instead," she said.

Felix built a tower taller than he was. But then his father came home.

"Hello, Felix!" said Mr. O'Finnegan as he banged the door behind him. The tower teetered. It tottered. And finally, it toppled. Felix stuck out his bottom lip and yelled. Then, he built the tower again, only better.

Felix grew, and so did his big ideas. He climbed the highest tree in the park, trying to reach the clouds. His mother caught him just in time.


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"Felix O'Finnegan! Come down from there right now!" cried Mrs. O'Finnegan. She led him into the house and gave him paper and pencils. "Play with these instead."

Felix unraveled his sweater and used the yarn and his pencils to build a kite. He sent it soaring up into the clouds. But then his father came home.

"Hello, Felix!" said Mr. O'Finnegan. He pulled the window shut. The kite flipped and flopped. Then, it flapped and fell. Felix frowned. Then, he built another kite, only better.



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Chapter Two

Felix Finds His Feet

When he was five, it was time for Felix to go to school. Felix was excited. He knew it would be an adventure.