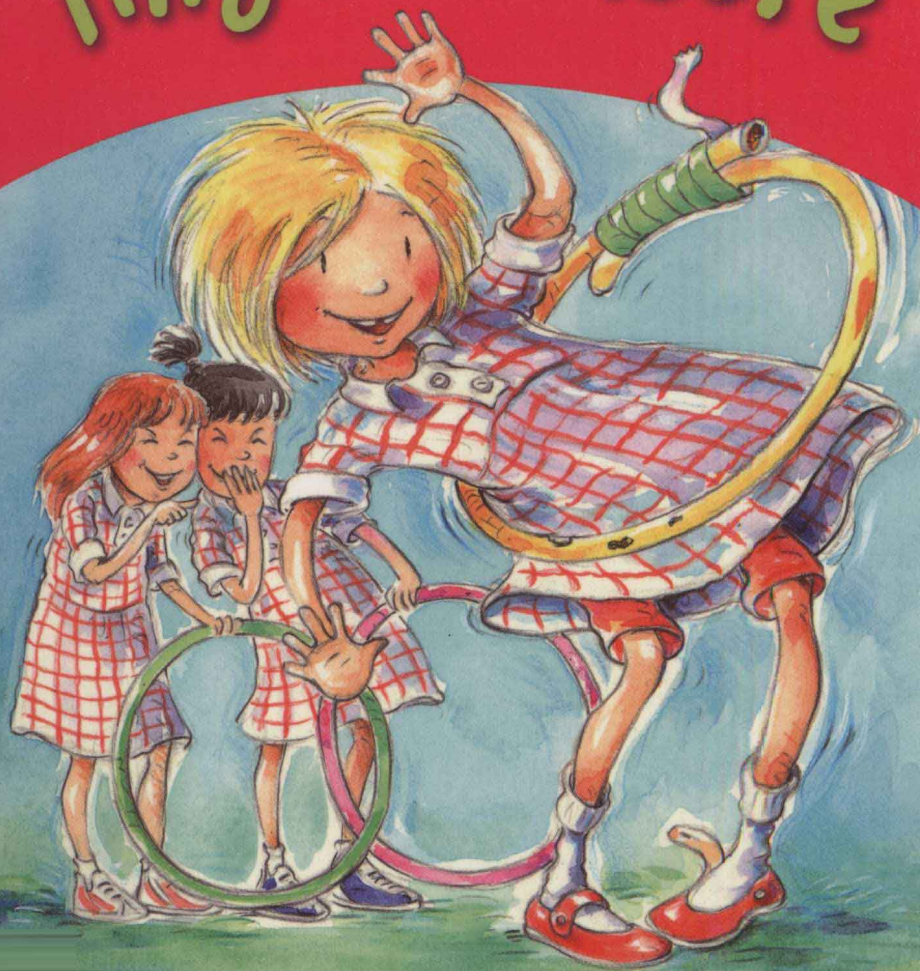




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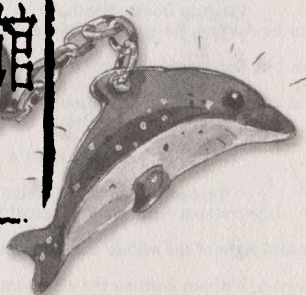
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Every week there's a new craze  
at Tilly's school. One day it's  
hula hoops, the next it's skipping.  
How can Tilly keep up?

# Chapter 1

Tilly loved clean-up week.  
It was like a treasure hunt.  
It was like digging for gold.  
It was like Christmas.  
You never knew what you  
might find.

One clean-up week Tilly



had found a netball ring.

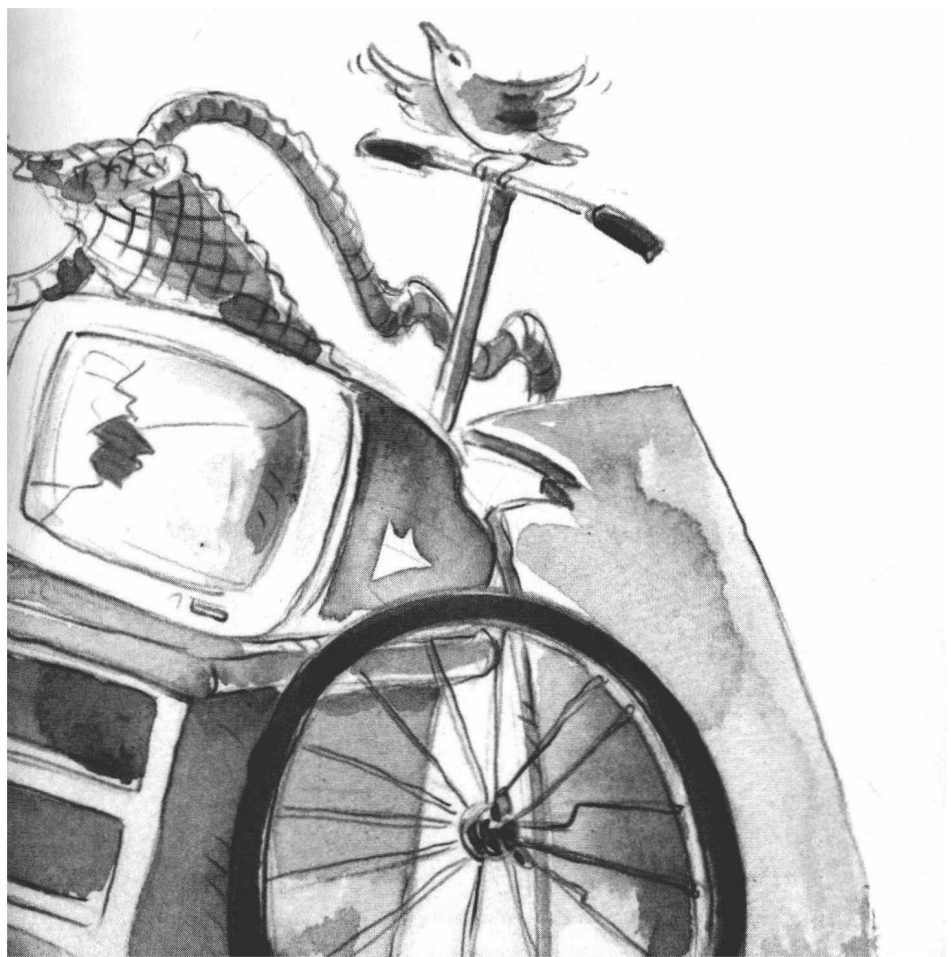
Now she looked through  
the Wilkinses' junk pile.





Nothing useful there.

Outside the Dillons' house  
she saw a bunch of chewed



shoes and an old computer.

But when Tilly reached the Georges' house, her eyes opened wide. Perched on top of the heap was a yellow hula hoop. She reached up and grabbed it.

The hoop was broken, but Tilly didn't mind. She raced home and mended it with sticky tape. Then she went outside to show Dad.



‘Look what I found,’  
she said. ‘I can’t wait to  
show everyone at school  
tomorrow. Hula hoops are  
the latest craze.’

## Chapter 2

Tilly looked around the playground. Molly had a pink hula hoop. Min's hoop had sparkles. And Sandy's hoop had water inside. It splished and splashed when she spun it round her waist.

Tilly polished her hoop  
on her uniform and walked  
towards Carla and Cate.  
'I've got a new hula hoop,'



she said. She put the hoop  
over her head and swivelled  
her hips. The hoop spun  
round and round.





Carla laughed. 'That's  
not a new hoop,' she said.  
'It's old.'

'And it's broken,' said



Cate. 'It has sticky tape on it.'

'Did you find it on the rubbish dump, Tilly?' asked Carla. She smiled at Cate.

The hoop bumped Tilly's elbow and stopped spinning. It dropped to the ground around her feet.

'No,' said Tilly. 'I found it outside the Georges' house.'