

Ottawa Valley Native Creates Children’s Book Series Helping Kids Understand the Modern World Through Storytelling

Canadian author Sharon Philbrick combines gentle storytelling, curiosity, emotional intelligence, and age-appropriate financial literacy themes to help young readers explore big modern ideas.



Almonte, Ontario May 20, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Canadian author Sharon Philbrick, originally from the Ottawa Valley town of Almonte, is gaining attention for her growing children’s book series, Clara Stories, which helps young readers explore curiosity, fairness, emotional intelligence, technology, and age-appropriate financial literacy through gentle storytelling.

Philbrick, an author with a background in economics and nonprofit leadership who is now based in the Cayman Islands, created the Clara Stories series to help children and families have thoughtful conversations about the modern world without overwhelming young readers with complexity or jargon.

The series introduces larger ideas such as saving, diversification, digital assets, artificial intelligence, fairness, and how systems work through simple stories designed for children ages 6–9.

Titles in the series include Clara and the Invisible Coins, which explores ideas around value and change; Clara and the Fair Play Rules, inspired by concepts like transparency and blockchain-style fairness; Clara and the Cloud Bank, which introduces balance and diversification; Clara and the Thinking Machine, which explores curiosity and artificial intelligence; and Clara and the Little Tin Jar, a story centered on patience, saving, and long-term thinking.

Rather than focusing on direct instruction, the books encourage curiosity, observation, kindness, and

thoughtful questions. Companion resources for parents and teachers are also included to help support conversations at home and in educational settings.

Philbrick says the goal of Clara Stories is not to make children experts in finance or technology, but to help them feel comfortable asking questions about a rapidly changing world.

“Children do not need complexity,” Philbrick said. “They need clarity, curiosity, and safe spaces to explore ideas thoughtfully.”

Learn more about Clara Stories at <https://clarastories.com>

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