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## The Girl Who Hated Books: 25th Anniversary Edition

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Meena resents that books consume her home. They're on every surface; they fill up cupboards, closets, and sinks. In rebellion, Meena decides that she hates to read. But curiosity nestles inside of her nonetheless—as she discovers when she climbs and topples a stack of titles, spilling their characters out around her. Chaos ensues; nibbling rabbits and juggling elephants must be read back into their tales. The watercolor illustrations are a riot of activity in this delightful story about leaning into one's imagination.

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