

An illustration of a hand holding an open book. The book's pages are filled with various scenes, including a landscape with a house and a body of water. Several birds are depicted in flight around the book: a red cardinal in the upper right, a pink bird in the lower center, and a blue bird in the lower right. The background is a vibrant, abstract mix of green, blue, and yellow, suggesting a lush, natural setting.

Calling All Readers!

**I'll tell you a story.
I'll spin you a rhyme.
I'll spill some ideas—
And we'll travel through time.**

**Put down the controller.
Switch off the TV.
Abandon the mouse and
Just hang out with me.**

**I promise adventure.
Come on, take a look!
On a day like today,
There's no friend like a book!**

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