

**YOU CAN NOTICE DIFFERENCES IF YOU LOOK REALLY CLOSE,  
WHICH LATELY EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE DOING.**

Zarina loves her life in Poona, India. She spends her days hanging out with her best friends and playing with her three brothers. However, Zarina's family is given unsettling news: Muslims and Hindus are to separate by religion. Hindus are expected to stay in India, while Muslims are expected to move to a new land, Pakistan.

Zarina is heartbroken at having to move away from all she loves. After a frightening journey to Pakistan, Zarina doubts that the unfamiliar country will ever feel like home. When an accident happens that Zarina blames herself for, she decides it's best to attend boarding school far away, despite the protest of her mom. Will a fresh start at a new school give Zarina the chance to thrive in Pakistan, or will the divisions within herself and her family continue to widen?

This heartening coming-of-age story from award-winning author Reem Faruqi, loosely inspired by her grandmother's life, reminds us that overwhelming change can create the most beautiful growth.

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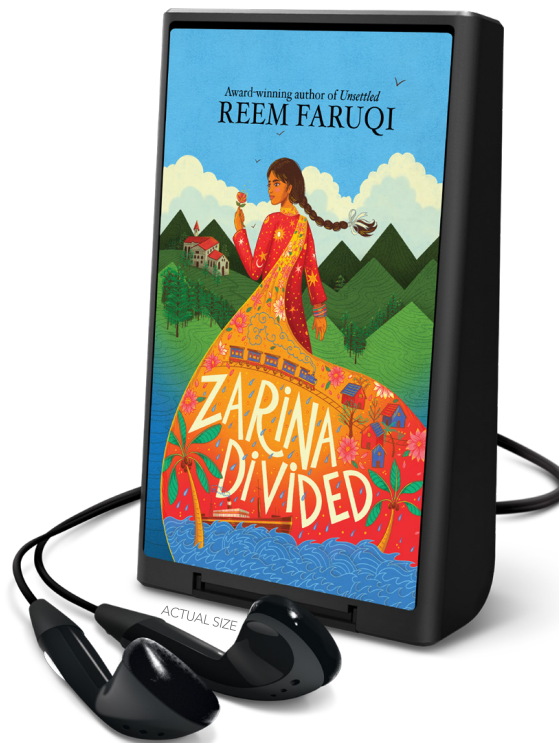
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