

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE © MAHTAB NARSIMHAN 2022**

### **MY BEST FRIEND...NOT!**

1. Why did Rina like having Trish as a friend? What do you think Trish liked most about being friends with Rina?
2. What clues helped you see that Trish was not a good friend to Rina? Share what you learned from each clue.
3. For most of the story, Rina ignores the little voice in her head. What is the voice trying to tell her? Why do you think Rina ignores the voice?
4. Ms. Halley tells Rina, “Most times, a voice inside you will tell you what is right and what is wrong. Learn to trust that voice.” Do you think this is good advice? Why or why not? What could you do if you don’t hear a voice telling you what is right and what is wrong?
5. What would you do if you had a friend like Trish? How could you help someone who has a friend like Trish?