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I Like Books!

I like books—
Thin books, fat books,
Hide-'em-in-your-hat books,
I like books!

New books with that special smell;
Old ones that I know so well;
Fantasies that cast a spell;
Picture books for show and tell.

Books that make me laugh or cry;
Books that make me wonder why;
Books with characters who try
To catch the crook or nab the spy.

Books that teach me something new like how to turn my sweater blue,
Or how to make thick oyster stew while riding on a caribou.

Books with new words left and right
Like pithy or vermiculite;
Books that have no words in sight,
So everyone can get them right.

Books with poems and songs to sing;
Books with things to make from string;
Books that tell of far-off kings
Or unicorns with silver wings.

I like books—
Tall books, small books;
My house is wall-to-wall books.
I like books!

— SANDRA GANDY