

Shine On, Luz Véliz!

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Luz Véliz is having a rough year. Her life as a soccer star is over when her knee gets injured, her relationship with her dad was built entirely on a foundation of a shared love of all things soccer, and her world is about to be rocked even more when someone new comes along, changing everything in her path. Luz knows her name means light, but how can she find a bright spot in all this darkness?

Discussion Questions:

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Activities:

- [Play Luz's game on Scratch](#)
- Use [code.org](#) or [Scratch](#) to get students started with coding
- Be a penpal to someone in a nursing care unit in NC through [Victorian Senior Care](#)
- “Luz” means “light” in Spanish—research the meaning of your name with one of these sites ([Behind the Name](#) or [Names.org](#)) and create a book title and cover to go with it.