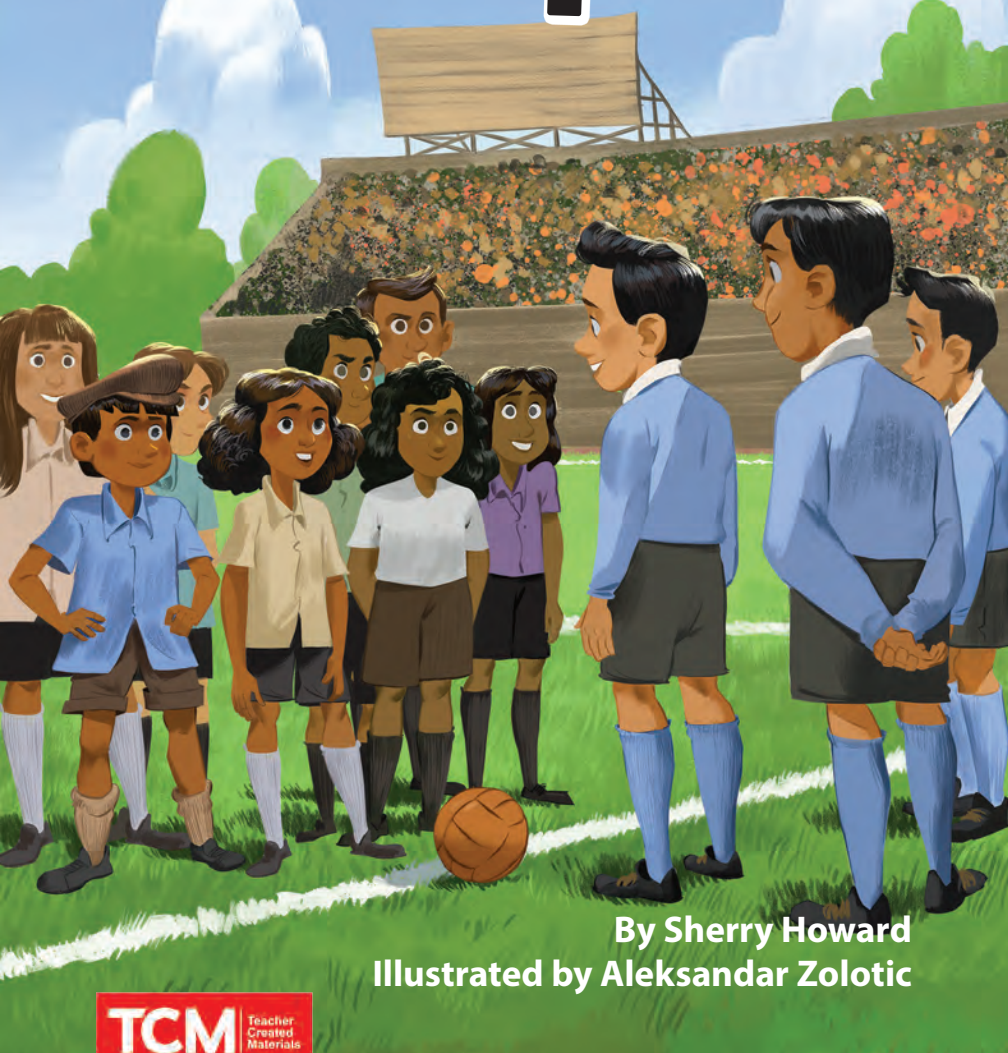


A Team for Everyone



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Chapter One



No Girls Allowed

“Football, football, football! That’s all anybody can talk about! It’s great that Uruguay won the first World Cup. But when are they going to let girls play? It’s 1930, after all!” Annabella said as she kicked the ball to her brother, Pablo.

“The game is too rough, Bella. I take it easy on you when we practice. Don’t you remember how rough it got on that field at the World Cup? Remember how many players got hurt? Football is not meant for girls!” Pablo pitched the football back to Bella for another kick. He’d been helping her improve her kick-off skills.





They practiced football together often, just the two of them. And he always called her Bella.

“Time to go! I can’t wait to see Alejandro play,” Annabella said. “Do you think he’ll be there?”

“He’s always there,” Pablo answered.

Annabella and Pablo headed for the park. It was where the local boys’ team played their football games. In a few years, when he turned sixteen, Pablo would join this team.

Thanks to two Olympic football wins for Uruguay, most boys started kicking a ball when they were practically babies. They dreamed of being football stars in their country, just like Pedro Cea after the recent World Cup victory.

The small park was crowded with people who wanted to see the game. This team was one of Uruguay's top teams for teen boys. Annabella and Pablo joined a group of their friends to watch the game. They cheered their team on at every kick and block. The teams seemed evenly matched.

Annabella's favorite player was Alejandro. As central defender and captain, he also kept the team pumped up. It was fun to watch him.



The boys played hard against this team from Argentina—just like in the World Cup. At mid-game, the score was tied 1–1. Even on this cool day, the players dripped sweat.

Annabella tried hard to enjoy the game. But underneath, she fumed. Why couldn't she play out there when she was older? Why couldn't girls play football like boys? It wasn't fair! Maybe she could fix that.



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Annabella wants to play in a football match as part of a team. With no football teams for girls, she's inspired to start her own.

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