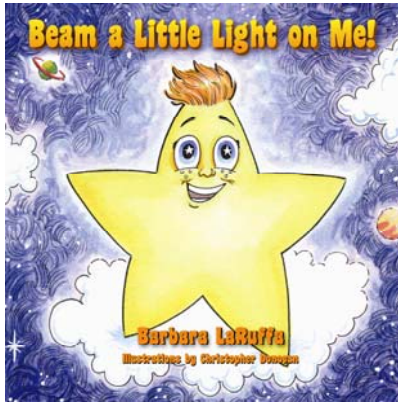


FEATURED AUTHOR

**Barbara LaRuffa, author of
*Beam a Little Light on Me!***



About the Book

This is a beautiful story about a little star named Twankle. Despite his physical stature, he overcomes his fears and insecurities and shares his experience of conquering with a positive attitude. Twankle, thinking that he can just appear in the sky and be wished upon, is soon disappointed and thus, he begins his inquisitive journey to the North Star for answers. The value of this story goes well beyond a children's tale. It instills friendship, trust, love, courage, pride, determination, and last but not least, teamwork. The understanding children have when they read this story creates an instant belief in oneself as it visually excites the child's imagination and leaves an overwhelming desire to believe that dreams can come true.

About the Author

BARBARA LARUFFA is an inspirational, creative writer who captures emotions and sets free the fears of the unknown. Her gentle yet believable style fills her stories with contents yet to be imagined. She has mandated an outlook of positive thinking and envelops the words "be the best you can be" into her work. Born in Brooklyn, New York and raised on Long Island, Barbara has gone through the many years of trials and tribulations that come with being a single parent. She is a surviving "underdog" with a will stronger than life itself, and her soul pours out into her writings helping her stories to come alive. Barbara is proud to be introducing her first book in her children's series. She acknowledges and looks forward to the fact that people from all over the world will be part of her life forever.

Excerpt

Once upon a time, on the outskirts of the solar system, a baby star was born to Bella, the Queen of all Stars. She named him Twankle. He was a chubby little star with a crooked smile and one leg shorter than the other.