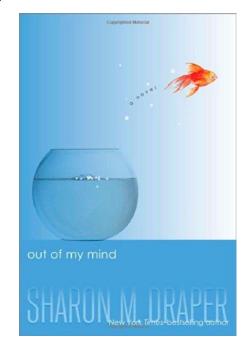
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Title: Out of My Mind

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Summary:

What if you are brilliant but could not communicate? Melody is a girl who has a photographic memory. Her head is like a video camera that is always recording. However, most people don't think she is capable of learning, and up until recently her school days consisted of listening to the same preschool-level alphabet lessons again and again. If only she could speak up, if only she could tell people what she thinks and knows. But she can't. Melody has cerebral palsy. She lives her whole live in a wheelchair, unable to do anything, but shriek and move her thumbs. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind. She really wants to have a voice. Finally she gets a Medi-Talker which allows her to talk, but not everyone around her is ready to hear it.

Comments:

Love is the main theme of this story. It gives disabled kids who are misunderstood the strength to make it though each day, and to look forward to the future. This novel is touching and inspiring. It speaks for those who cannot speak. It teaches us to be strong and optimistic.