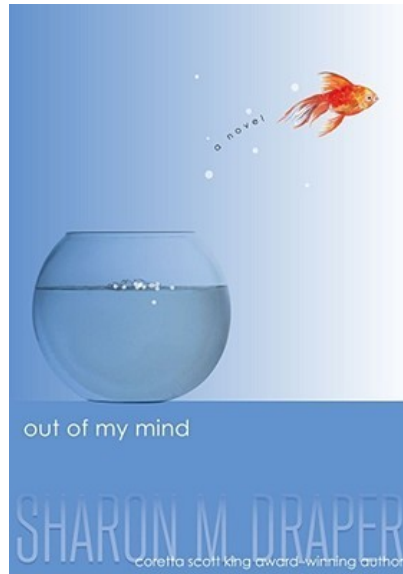


A Closer Look at
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Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it—somehow. The story leaves a lasting impression by focusing on meaningful moments rather than constant spectacle. Emotional resonance is achieved through careful buildup and authentic character responses. This focus contributes to the book's enduring appeal.