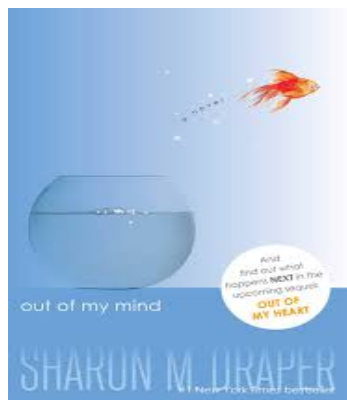


## *Out of My Mind*



The author of this book is Sharon M. Draper. "Out Of My Mind" teaches us themes of believing in yourself, respect, acceptance, friendships. Melody Brooks is a bright 10 year old boy with photo memory who loves country music and books. Tape and her family. Melody likes speech and language, but cannot speak. She has cerebral palsy, which means her body is very stiff and difficult to control. Much of the novel takes place in Melody's fifth grade, but she also tells about her life history and what it was like to grow up with her disability. The melody begins when it's a baby, and mom and dad find out that they can't sit without holding a toy or falling over on their own. However, the body of the melody does not grow as expected, but the mind is growing rapidly. She can't answer her parents, but she understands her parents and sometimes feels frustrated when her parents don't understand them. When Melody turns five, her mother enrolls in elementary school. The melody is placed in a "special learning community" with other children with disabilities. She adjusts well to school. After reading this book, I learned more about the discomforts of people with disabilities, and I thought I had to respect them more and hoped that more facilities for people with disabilities could be made.