

Out of My Mind

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for students with disabilities

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Description of content:

This story follows Melody, an intelligent fifth-grader with cerebral palsy, who has difficulties expressing her thoughts verbally and physically. She hasn't been able to show how intelligent she really is until she is placed into some general education classes. Unfortunately, there are still some people who doubt her abilities and make assumptions about her intelligence. While Melody is faced with rude behavior and setbacks, she does not let that deter her from her goals. Melody perseveres through the negativity with the help of the supportive people around her and a new communication device. Ultimately, she learns that while her differences may set her apart from her peers, they also make her who she is.

Strengths:

- Perspective from a disabled character.
- Easy and appropriate read for children.
- Will facilitate discussion about how children with disabilities are treated.

Limitations:

- Some of the language and technology used may be outdated for today's young readers.

Audience:

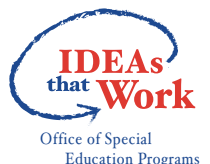
- Children (age 10+).



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