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BIBLIOSCOPIC DIALOGUE: *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*

In a single paragraph, evaluate the thematic significance of this story's CONFLICT and discuss how the author uses conflict to address the idea of *memory*. As always, refer to the events of the story in your answer. For page-length answers, attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Wilfrid's confusion about the nature of memory is understandable. Doctors and philosophers have tried to locate memory in the human mind for centuries. Their efforts have discovered where memories are housed, but they haven't fully explained how. Wilfrid's youthful confusion with the abstract expresses man's dilemma with the intangible. He is the image of man bounded by the material world. Ironically, Wilfrid overcomes these physical limitations through the stuff of the world. Abstract memories are recalled by a sensory experience with concrete things. Author Mem Fox explores the wonder of the universal connection of the concrete world and man's abstract, fleeting memories.