**What’s Special About a Level J Book?**

**Fiction:**

Each chapter is a self‐ contained story

1 or 2 characters together, like Mr. Putter and Tabby, Henry and Mudge, Frog and Toad, etc.

Characters don’t change much

Dialouge (talking) usually assigned to a speaker with signal words (said, cried, whispered)

Short stories within one chapter or a few chapters

Simple beginning, middle, and end; stories simple  
May use literary language

**Non-Fiction:**

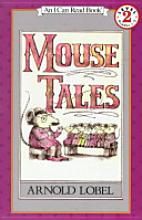
Short texts on familiar topics and easy narratives  
Focus on familiar topics  
May introduce new information  
May offer a large amount of print with easy words  
Has many frequently seen words, as well as some technical or unfamiliar words

**Text Layout:**

Print is in a larger font, with clear spaces between words and lines

Illustrations on most pages

Sentences usually return to the left margin to begin.



**Great Examples**:

Mouse Tales, Henry and Mudge