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

**Fiction:**

Longer texts organized in a variety of ways.

Include well-developed, memorable characters that change in response to events in the story

Characters revealed through what they say, think, and do, as well as through what others say about them

Character has more than one obvious trait; changes over time

Much less clear that there is a single problem which is solved- there could be a problem within a problem, or that the situation is resolved, but not solved

Texts offer opportunity to feel empathy for characters, and to experience suspense

Literary devices such as irony and whimsy to create interest

Figurative language- more language play like puns, idioms, and metaphors

**Non-Fiction:**

Topics of informational texts and setting for narratives go well beyond readers’ personal experiences

Informational texts require much more content knowledge

Many technical words, usually explained within the text

Biographies longer and focus on subjects less well known to students

Expected to learn about subjects through reading.



**Great Examples**:

Amber Brown series,

My Name is Maria Isabel