When the same word appears nakirah then ma‘rifah, what different shades of meaning are conveyed?
Grammarians hold that the *nakirah* is more comprehensive than the *ma’rifah*.

When I say:


cَتَابٌ

you understand that I have the particular book we have been talking about.

But if I say:


cَتَابٌ

then you cannot figure out what type of book I have, in what discipline, by which author, where has it been published, etc.

So it sort of covers the whole world of books.

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