

**Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology**  
**Summer Reading List: IBET English 9**

Read at least **one book** from each category—fiction and nonfiction--before classes begin in September in addition to the **school-wide summer reading book** Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea by Charles Seife. Be prepared to discuss these books and complete an assignment to be given to you by your ninth grade English teacher. These books are available at local libraries and book stores.

**Fiction:**

Bless Me, Ultima\* by Rudolfo Anaya

Cat's Cradle\* by Kurt Vonnegut

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak

Dune by Frank Herbert

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

Fools Crow\* by James Welsh

Foundation by Isaac Asimov

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

A Lesson before Dying\* by Ernest J. Gaines

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley

Namesake\* by Jhumpa Lahiri

1984\* by George Orwell

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier

Rule of Four by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason

State of Fear by Michael Crichton

A Time for Dancing by Davida Willa Hurwin

Timeline by Michael Crichton

Yellow Raft on Blue Water\* by Michael Dorris

**Nonfiction:**

American Brat\* by Bapsi Sidhwa  
Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy  
The Beak of the Finch by Jonathan Weiner  
The Best American Science Writing 2002/ 2003/ 2004 edited by Dava Sobel  
The Bookseller of Kabul\* by Asne Seierstad  
Chinese Cinderella\* by Adeline Yen May  
Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science by Atul Gwande  
The Dark Lady of DNA by Brenda Maddox  
Demon in the Freezer by Richard Preston  
Eats, Shoots & Leaves by Lynne Truss  
Einstein's Dreams by Alan Lightman  
Galileo's Daughter\* by Dava Sobel  
The Hot Zone\* by Richard Preston  
Longitude by Dava Sobel  
Lucifer's Legacy by Frank Close  
Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman by Richard P. Feynman  
Salt by Mark Kurlansky  
Seabiscuit by Lauren Hillenbrand  
A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson  
Teen Angst by Ned Vizzini  
This Boy's Life: A Memoir by Tobias Wolff  
Voyage of the Narwhal by Andrea Barrett  
When I was Puerto Rican\* by Esmeralda Santiago

An asterisk is placed by a book containing mature themes possibly of a violent or sexual nature.