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if you mean his works, then my recommendations would be Pale Fire first, followed by The Defence, Pnin, or Speak, Memory (his autobiography). If you mean *on* him, then people seem to think my biography is the best place to start. The intro to vol 1, The Russian Years, and ch 13 there, Nabokov the Writer (which Vera Nabokov said everything she'd always wanted someone to say about her husband's work) give you a quick hit on reading Nabokov. Here's an online article that will give you some sense of the interplay between my recent work on evolution and stories, Nabokov, and pattern, which as a mathematician you should find appealing:

<http://theamericanscholar.org/the-art-of-literature-and-the-science-of-literature/>

Brian

On 7/03/2012, at 2:16 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

what should i read to give me the best foundation for nabokov. ?

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