

NORMAN MAILER

Norman Kingsley Mailer (January 31, 1923 – November 10, 2007) was an American novelist, journalist, essayist, playwright, film-maker, actor, and political activist. His novel [*The Naked and the Dead*](#) was published in 1948. His best-known work was widely considered to be [*The Executioner's Song*](#), which was published in 1979, and for which he won one of his two [Pulitzer Prizes](#). In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, his book [*Armies of the Night*](#) was awarded the [National Book Award](#).

Along with [Truman Capote](#), [Joan Didion](#), [Hunter S. Thompson](#) and [Tom Wolfe](#), Mailer is considered an innovator of [creative nonfiction](#), a genre sometimes called [New Journalism](#), which uses the style and devices of literary fiction in fact-based journalism.

In 1955, Mailer and three others founded [*The Village Voice*](#), an arts- and politics-oriented weekly newspaper distributed in [Greenwich Village](#).