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.