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Norman Mailer's Brooklyn Heights home on sale for \$2.4 million



The rowhouse with the twin lights at the front door is 142 Columbia Heights, where Norman Mailer lived. Eagle photo by Lore Croghan

The top floor of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Norman Mailer's Brooklyn Heights home, which Mailer once transformed to look like the inside of a ship, and a separate apartment below are now for sale at \$2.4 million, according to his son, Michael Mailer. The novelist, who wrote "The Executioner's Song" while living there, had outfitted the apartment's atrium with gangplanks, hammocks, a rope ladder and a trapeze. "It's shocking that none of the kids had serious accidents," the writer's son told The Wall Street Journal.

Now, it's mostly made up of glass, however. At the house, which is located at 142 Columbia Heights, Mailer threw parties attended by such celebrities as Bob Dylan, John Lennon and Woody Allen — as well as Jack Henry Abbott, a career criminal who wrote a memoir about the prison system that Mailer had helped him to publish but was soon behind bars again for manslaughter. Mailer, who died in 2007, also held meetings at the house in 1969 to plan his unsuccessful run for mayor, according to *The Awl*. The younger Mailer and his family had tried to sell the home in 2011, but the deal fell through because he needed to get the atrium up to code, the *Journal* said. The sale is being handled by broker Patrick Lilly with CORE.