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## **See Inside Norman Mailer's Eccentric Brooklyn Townhouse**

*The late Pulitzer Prize-winning author hosted parties attended by John Lennon, Bob Dylan, and Woody Allen in the home he designed to resemble a ship, which is now on the market for \$2.4 million.*



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Author Norman Mailer called a townhouse in the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood of New York City home before he died in 2007, and now his heirs are selling the top-floor apartments. Scroll down for a look inside.

The apartments encompass two units on the third and fourth floor of 142 Columbia Heights.



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The landmarked four-story, walk-up brownstone built in 1840 overlooks Brooklyn Bridge Park and the East River. Mailer once owned the entire building but converted it into a co-op in the 1970s, his son Michael told the *Wall Street Journal*.

Mailer renovated the fourth-floor apartment where he lived to look like a ship.



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It was once "outfitted with gangplanks, hammocks and trapeze and a jungle gym by the [author], who wished to overcome his fear of heights."

It has a two-story glass and wood atrium.



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Mailer's heirs previously listed the home in 2011 but a contract they had fell through "when the buyers realized the atrium wasn't up to code." Now it is.

Here's what that skylight looks like from the exterior.



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The sloped wooden ceiling of the living room remains.



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There are multiple terraces.



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With views of Manhattan, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty.



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A separate one-bedroom apartment on the third floor is also part of the listing.



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It could be combined with the fourth-floor unit, bringing the total area to 1,636 square feet. Michael Mailer told the *Wall Street Journal* that multiple ex-wives of his father lived in the apartment at the same time.



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"I love this place but it will always be my Dad's place," the younger Mailer told the *Journal*. "I've enjoyed the vibrations of living there but it's time to move on."

For \$2.4 million, this piece of literary history could be yours.





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Here's a link to the CORE listing.