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You Are the Boss!

When I was a kid, and that was as long as sixty-five years ago, we had radio for entertainment and we had books. So I formed the habit of reading very early and it still has something to offer that TV and movies can never give you. It is that you are your own boss when you read. If an idea is interesting you can lay the book down and think about it, and then go on reading again without having missed a single moment. And all the while your imagination grows more powerful because you can see a hundred faces and visit as many places while you are reading a book, and you see them all the way your imagination wishes to see them. No one can take that away. When you read, you are the boss!

Norman Mailer is one of the most celebrated writers of the Twentieth Century. His books include the landmark, *The Naked and the Dead*, *The Executioner's Song*, *Armies of the Night*, and recently, *The Gospel According to the Son*. He has twice received the Pulitzer Prize, and remains an important commentator and participant in American politics.