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In 1960 he wrote his controversial *The Chapman Report*, followed in 1962 by *The Prize* which was made into a major film starring Paul Newman. His next book *The Man* (1964) was singled out for three major awards including the American Paperback of the Year trophy, and film rights were acquired by ABC Circle Films for both theatrical and television release in 1972. In 1965 Twentieth Century-Fox took the unprecedented step of acquiring the film rights to Wallace's next three unwritten novels, the first of which, *The Plot*, appeared in 1967. Irving Wallace's most recent novel *The Seven Minutes*, published in 1969 and recently released as a film, has sold half a million copies in hardback and a further three million copies in the American paperback edition.

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