

Friends & Brothers

by Adam Raphael; HM Publishers, 2004; \$14.95 softcover

Photographer Adam Raphael has assembled an appealing, affordable collection of color and black-and-white images of twenty-something hunks in *Friends & Brothers*.

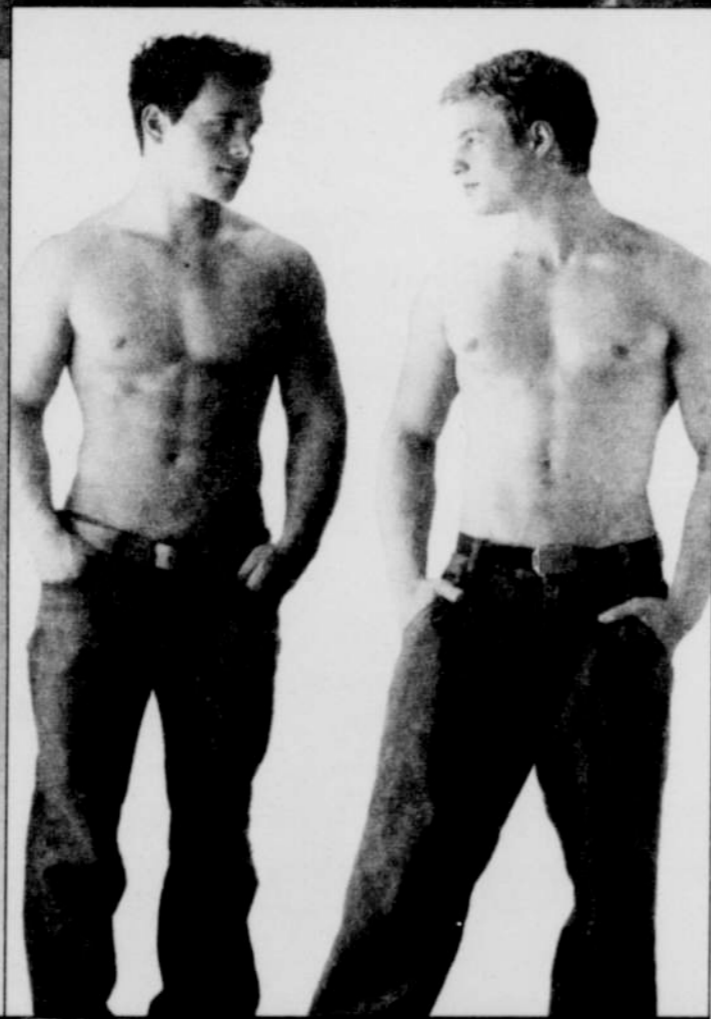
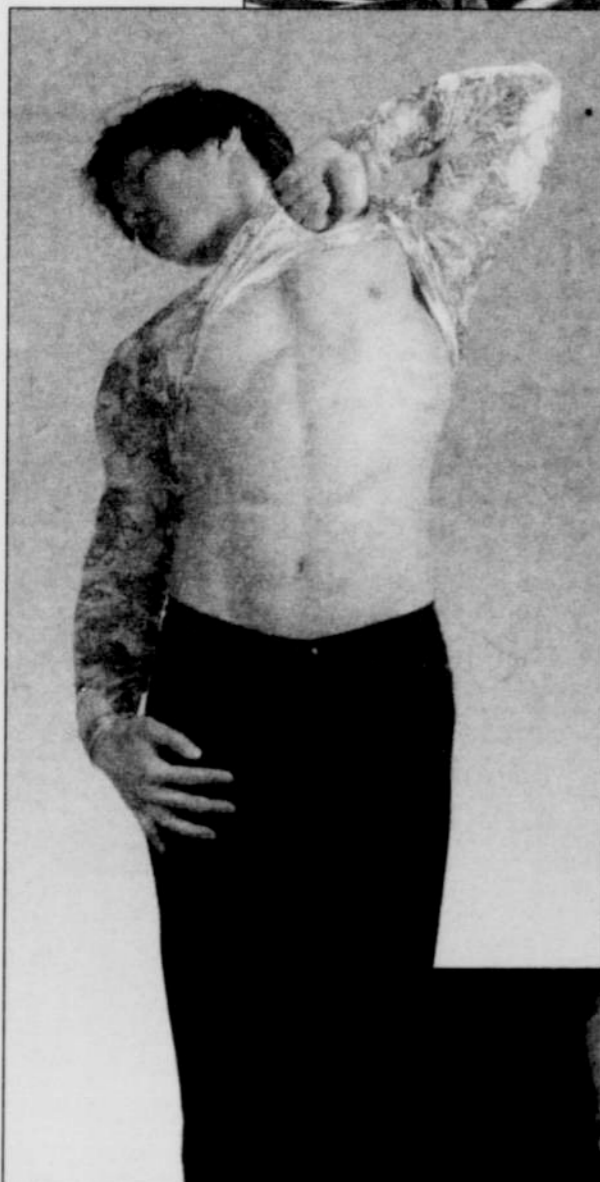
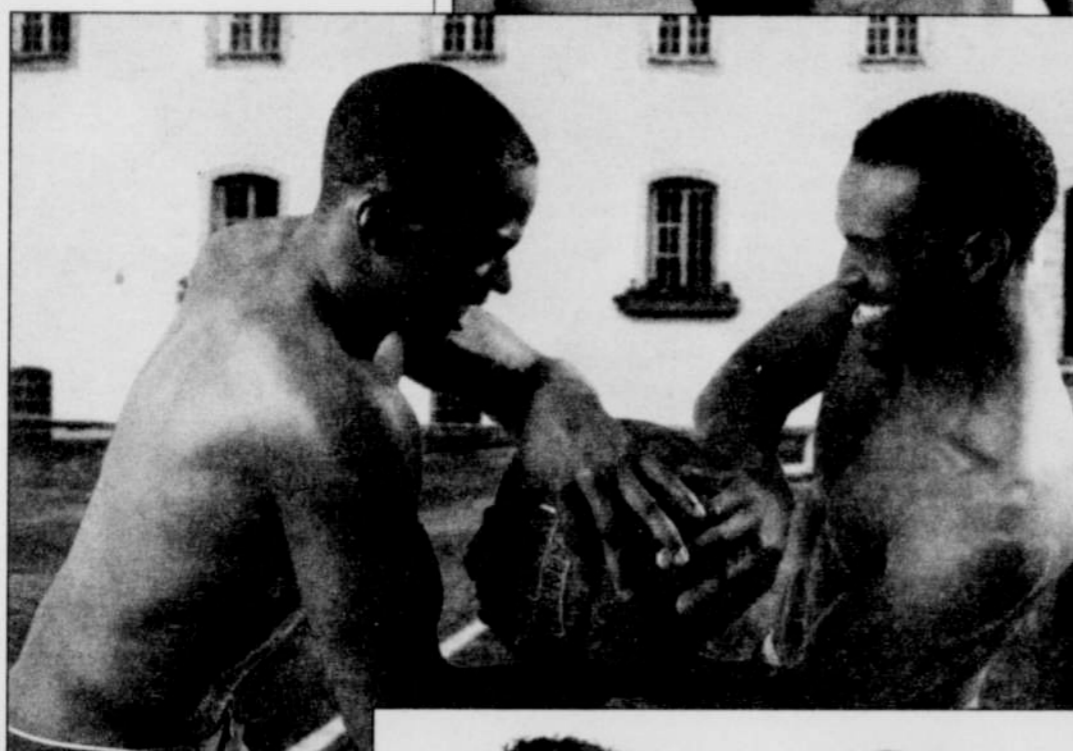
The book is filled with a multicultural array of shirtless athletes surfing, shooting hoops, playing tackle football on a beach, frolicking in a swimming pool, wrestling in a park and taking it easy afterward. A few underwear shots are thrown in, too, but *Friends & Brothers* is rated PG, so don't expect any full-frontal nudes.

"Gallery directors and photography dealers talk about the pictures, but I prefer to talk about the models," Raphael writes in the foreword. "Perhaps because my photography is such an organic extension of my eye, I don't give it as much thought as I do the models."

Fortunately, Raphael has exemplary taste in men—that

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is, if you're into hairless young things. However, some of the studio shots appear to have been overly touched up to enhance the models' features; hasn't he heard it's not nice to mess with Mother Nature?

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