

# Corporal in Charge

of taking care of Captain O'Malley

and other  
canonical  
stories



**JACK FRITSCHER**



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“*CORPORAL IN CHARGE* is a **wonderful book**, full of **careful writing** and a fine sense of words...compassion and humor...full of hot, horny fantasies...surging with lyricism and insight...erotic dreamer, daddy, brother, shaman...**Fritscher writes with a gorgeous pen**. The story ‘Caro Ricardo’ is an a clef memoir of Fritscher’s relationship with his bi-coastal lover, **ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE**. “...a **tender, surreal** story of a desperate search for personal meaning, of being together and alone in the frenetic glitz of New York obsessions.”  
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—STEVEN SAYLOR as AARON TRAVIS, *DRUMMER*

**JACK FRITSCHER**, like **ANNE RICE**, famously crosses genres—erotic with literary—and emerges as a cult best seller with work published in 30 gay magazines, a dozen anthologies, plus more than **100,000 copies sold of his books and 250,000 copies sold of his videos**. **CAMILLE PAGLIA** uses his writing in her *Vamps and Tramps*, and *The New Republic* compared his novel *Some Dance to Remember* (epic gay history: 1970-82) to **GORE VIDAL** and **JAMES BALDWIN**.

“Like **RECHY**, Fritscher joins words in powerful couplings that enhance eroticism...He is a poet of erotica.” —Joseph D. Butkie, *BAY AREA REPORTER*, San Francisco

“Fritscher’s writing is fragile...mesmerizing, shocking, and a **cool book**.”

—T. R. WITOMSKI, *CONNECTION*, New York

“In this long-awaited anthology...a wealth of new material fills these covers. Fritscher has a **wonderfully particular style and rhythm to his writing**... Fritscher’s **imagination is endless and totally without remorse**. What may really surprise readers is that amid the graphic descriptions of eros, there are **actual ideas** here.”

—**JOHN W. ROWBERRY**, *DRUMMER*

“Fritscher’s gift for language in *CORPORAL IN CHARGE* made me think of the POET **DENNIS COOPER**, and as in Cooper’s work, there is a strong element of romanticism.... These are true erotic fantasies...that straddle the borderline between inventive eroticism and the phantasmagoric....Fritscher loves words as well as what they describe—which makes this **one of the hottest books in a long while**.”

—IAN YOUNG, *THE BODY POLITIC*, TORONTO

“*CORPORAL IN CHARGE* is **literate, honest, funky, and even funny by intent**... freewheeling...**a good read**....Devotees of the darker side of the leather subculture will find a lot to like in this book.”

—*NBN*, St. Louis

“In *CORPORAL IN CHARGE*, Fritscher is a **master—even perhaps a genius—of gay prose**...who knows how to write, and understands very well how an erotic writer plays with the brain, man’s most accessible sex organ. The several leathersex stories are so lovingly rendered that **vanilla readers will be swept up into the performance art**.... The best piece is the title story, written in dialogue...is a like wonderful cinema verite.”

—**Q**, *PHILADELPHIA GAY NEWS*

“**Spend your money on** *CORPORAL IN CHARGE*...celebrates the possible pleasures between men...Fritscher is at his best in his erotic inventive use of language.” —**Thor Stockman**, *GMSMA News*

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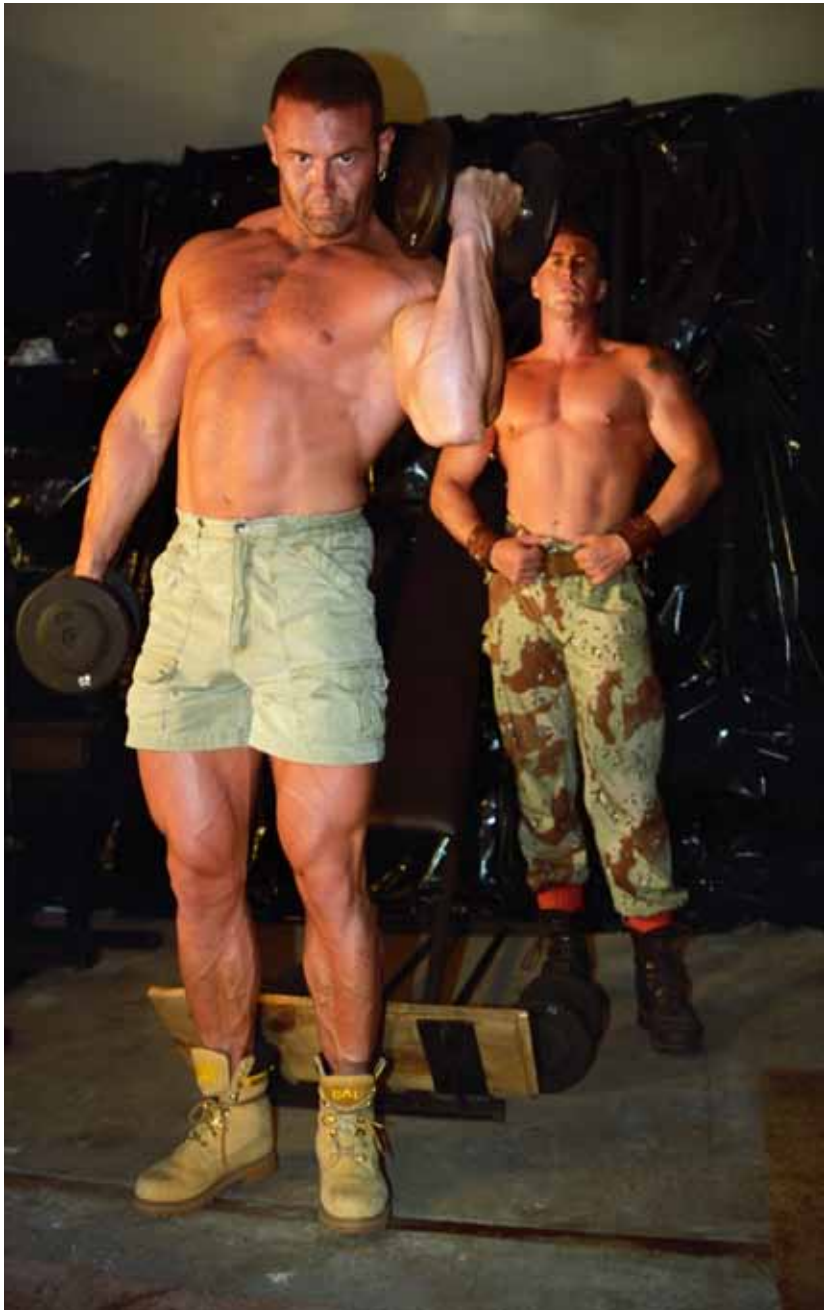
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