



# shy guy

**In the second of our series of profiles on the world's top male photographers we talk to Steve Brewer. MAN caught up with him while on assignment right here in Manchester.**

**Steven Brewer**

**Age: 38**

**Born: London**

**Lives: Islington, London**

**Studied: Biochemistry and Leeds University**

**Photographed for: Mizz magazine, Smash Hits, Vulcan, Euroboy and MAN Magazine**

**Q: Where did your interest in photography come from?**

A: I've always been keen on photography: I got my first camera when I was eight, and I did stuff at university. A picture of mine appeared on the front of the Daily Mail when Stiff Little Fingers arrived at Leeds on a steam train. When I left university I picked up photographic work from friends and I drifted into it from there really.

**Q: Did you do any other job before getting into photography full time?**

A: I was a college lecturer but was doing photographic work as well. I was working really long hours trying to do both jobs. One night, I was out with a friend in the pub and I fell

asleep. It was then I decided one job had to go. When I asked myself which gave me the most enjoyment there was no choice.

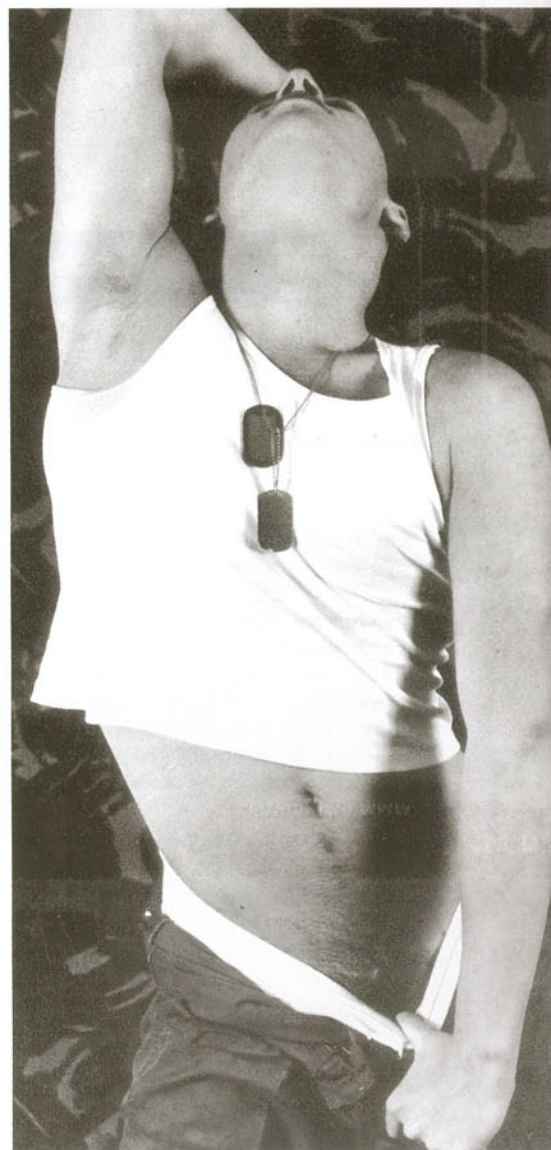
**Q: So how did your photographic career develop?**

A: I was doing work for friends, modeling work and weddings, and I started asking if they minded paying. That's how I drifted into professional photography. My first full-time photographic job though was taking pictures of badly built buildings for solicitors to use in court proceedings. I also did a series of photos for a heritage group, which was putting on an exhibition about Manchester and the people who lived here. I worked on that for 18 months.



**Q: How did you get into photographing guys?**

A: Again, it started with friends who wanted to get into modelling but couldn't afford to put a portfolio together, so would ask me. The shots I took for them would have my name on the back, so editors started contacting me.



**Q: How did your first male shoot go?**

A: I was asked to take some pictures of this guy for a magazine. I wasn't keen to do it because it involved some nude shots, but he persuaded me.

**Q: Why weren't you keen? Most gay lads would jump at the chance wouldn't they?**

