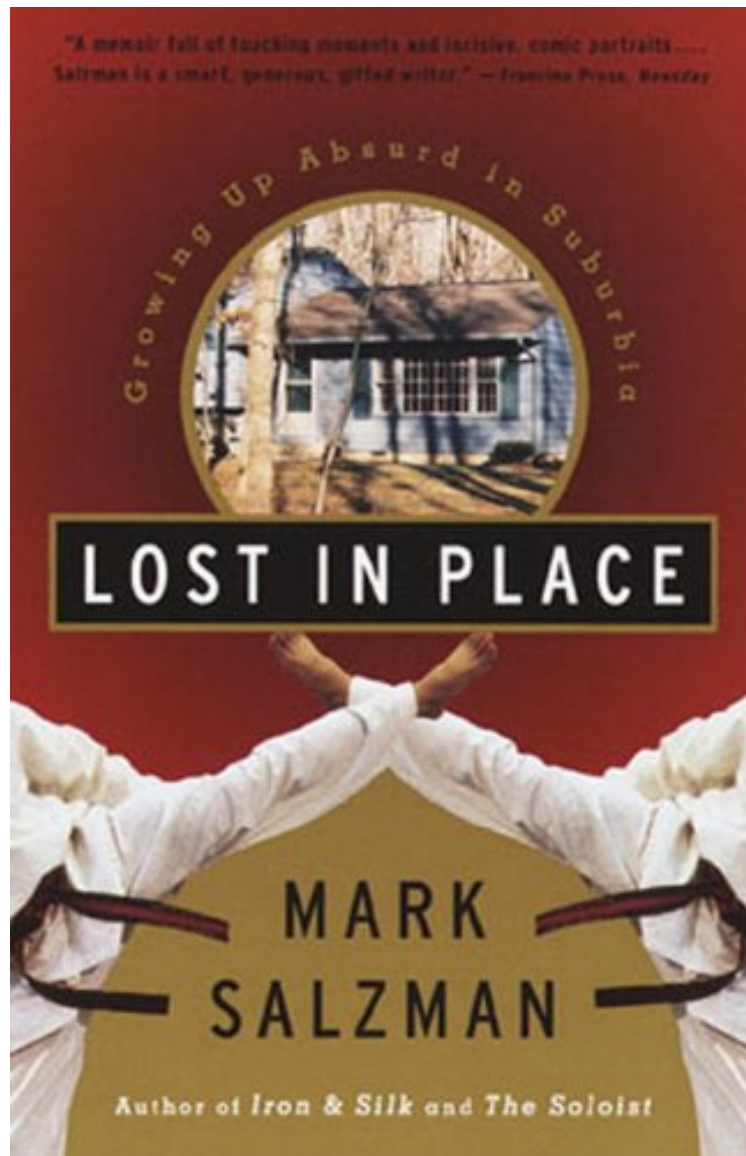


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This is the rare book where you feel plopped down midstream into the progress of a life, and when you are yanked out at the end you feel an overwhelming sense of disappointment because you have almost come to feel as if you are living it yourself. In telling the story of his life from age 13 to 20 or so, Salzman spares none of the gory, embarrassing details of his adolescence, from his fanatical pursuit of Zen-like enlightenment to his growing pot in his mother's house-plants. This is a damn funny book, but in the end you'll be struck by how much it moves you. It's nice for once to read a positive story about a teenager who, while flawed, is basically a decent kid struggling to understand the world around him.

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