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Mark Falanga : The Suburban You: Reports from the Home Front before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Suburban You: Reports from the Home Front:

10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. This is the worst book I have ever read!By LisaHonestly, this is the first book that was so bad, I couldn't finish it. I thought the concept was clever, but the stories told by the author (using an irritating second person "you" throughout the book)are boring and not funny. The author tells us this book is hilarious, but he is sadly mistaken. The stories are uninteresting, haphazard, and don't really capture the true essence of suburbia. The author brags about all the money he has and lives in a world that is not reflective of the majority of the suburbs. For example, he talks about how Halloween has changed since he was a kid. He says now Halloween parties, catered and served by butlers in tuxes, have replaced kids trick-or-treating in the neighborhood. What? I think in 99% of the suburbs, kids still dress up and trick-or-treat door-to-door. Most of his stories reflect this thinking in his irritating, ego boosting, bragging banter. I never take the time to write reviews, but this book was so bad I felt I needed to warn people. Try buying a book by Dave Barry. He is really a funny author who won't tell you how funny he is!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great anectodes about living in a suburb. Perfect for city transplants.By RLThis book is not for anyone who lives in a suburb and takes themselves too seriously. If you are looking for amusing anectodes about moving from a large city to a nearby suburb, then you will find plenty to laugh at. Easy read, great narrative style. Thoroughly enjoyed it.7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Not like real life in the Chicago suburbs!By Real Suburban MomI usually read, not write, reviews, on .com., but this book was so bad I felt compelled to warn others: don't waste the time, or money on this book! The author comes across as a self-important

boor, and his wife as a self-centered shrew. How the author could claim to love his wife, and write about her in a poor light, is beyond me. And I'm embarrassed to have people who live elsewhere to get the impression that this is what life is like in the suburbs of Chicago - we're not nearly so shallow. I can only assume that the positive reviewers were friends of the author.

From Publishers Weekly: Falanga is a familiar character: the transplanted urbanite who must make major adjustments when confronted with eccentric neighbors, block parties, Little League and lawn sales. Falanga writes a column, "Male Call," for the Chicago Tribune and launches his career as an author with this comedic portrait of suburban living. Several anecdotes are affectionate, authentic and gently amusing, although the writing lacks energy and sparkle. Falanga describes many events straightforwardly, mostly forgoing witty, illuminating details. What gives the book a surprising-and possibly unintended-darkness and tension are the vignettes depicting Falanga's wife. He says she's his best friend, yet their squabbles are so consistent, and so subtly hostile, that they emerge as unsettling rather than funny. She deprives him of the grape juice he loves, forces him to eat Chinese food he despises, insists he surrender towels he favors and denies him sex when he chooses a video she doesn't want to see. Other stories come as a relief from this ongoing warfare. Standout characters include a Superdad who brags about his kids and a friend throwing himself a 40th birthday party who talks about his self-help groups and imposes a touchy-feely mode on guests. Falanga covers typical suburban conflicts, but his stories tend to skim over issues and aren't substantial enough for a book. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.