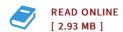




# Becoming Cajun, Becoming American: The Acadian in American Literature from Longfellow to James Lee Burke (Hardback)

By Maria Hebert-Leiter

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