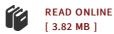




Curious Tales from Chemistry: The Last Alchemist in Paris and Other Episodes (Paperback)

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