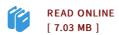




Rock music in the German Democratic Republic during the 1970s

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