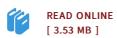# Andrew Jackson and the Constitution: The Rise and Fall of Generational Regimes (Paperback)

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