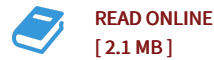# The Forgotten Presidents Their Untold Constitutional Legacy

By Michael J. Gerhardt

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