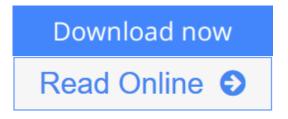
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Lovers of textiles are sure to find a place for these reasonably priced books on their shelves ... turning each page is a surprise and a pleasure. --The World of Interiors

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