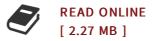# Cosmos; A Sketch of a Physical Description of the Universe Volume 3 (Paperback)

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