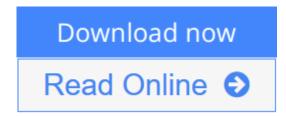


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Mark Beyer is the author of several nonfiction books for children.

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