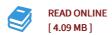# Modern Standard Arabic Phrasebook: The Traveller's Guide to the Arab-Speaking World (Paperback)

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