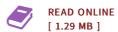# Plugging the Microstate: A History of Technology Adoption, Ict Policy, and Software Development in the Small Island State of Malta (Paperback)

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