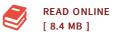


The Future and Its Enemies: The Growing Conflict over Creativity, Enterprise and Progress

By Virginia Postrel

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