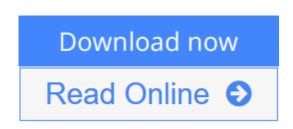


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'This memoir is testament to [Toni Maguire's] amazing courage'. Closer magazine.

'Amazing'. The Mirror.

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