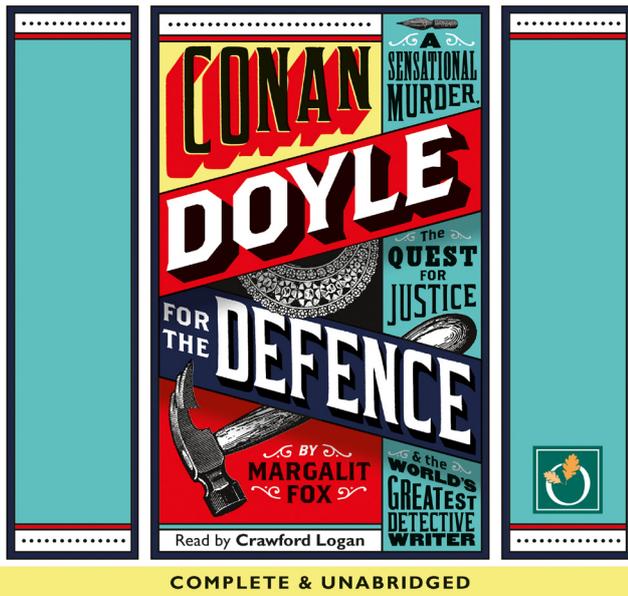




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Conan Doyle For The Defence

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True-crime writing at its finest, *Conan Doyle For The Defence* sees the Sherlock Holmes' creator turn detective to solve a sensational murder.

IN DETAIL

Just before Christmas 1908, wealthy 82-year-old spinster Marion Gilchrist was found bludgeoned to death in her Glasgow home. A diamond brooch was missing, and police arrested Oscar Slater, a Jewish immigrant and gambler. Despite having an alibi, Slater was convicted and imprisoned in Peterhead Prison. Seventeen years later, convict William Gordon was released from Peterhead. Concealed in a false tooth was a message addressed to Arthur Conan Doyle, who turned his formidable talents to freeing Slater...

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Did you enjoy Crawford Logan's narration of *Conan Doyle For The Defence*? Did it help the story?

Would you recommend *Conan Doyle For The Defence*?



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