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PREFACE

Srx famous murder trials are examined in this book. All six verdicts are open to dispute. Three, in my belief, are demonstrably bad.

I have tried not only to analyse the facts but to recreate the atmosphere in which these trials were fought, so that the reader can determine the dominating influences that led to their unsatisfactory result—shortcomings of counsel, ineptitude of judge, prejudice of jury, or any other weakness to which the human race is constitutionally prone.

There is reason to suppose that, in British and American courts, miscarriages of justice are relatively rare. But however infrequent, they still affront the conscience, and study of those that disfigure the past will not be profitless if the knowledge thereby gained lessens the chance of repetition.

For ANNE SINNETT

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