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the law, or stories where people's lives come undone because of criminals, has found a very quirky woman who ends up in jail fighting for her and her client's rights using quirks in the law. The unfortunate thing is that her subject, Sheila McGough is hard to understand in her logic and follow in her endless bird-walking soliloquies. Malcolm cannot, she admits, rein her in or really explain her. The unfortunate thing about it is that it is only by her ability to move through the strange and on the edge machinations of McGough and the possible con man she is involved with does she have a coherent and interesting book. Unfortunately, we as the reader begin to feel as whacky as Mc Gough makes Janet Malcolm feel. A much better Janet Malcolm book is "The Poet and the Murderer." I highly recommend this story about a well-meaning museum curator who bids on a newly discovered Emily Dickinson poem only to realize later that it is probably a forgery by the famous ex-Mormon forger Mark Hofmann. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but a good read. By raffles Interesting true story of how the criminal justice system can destroy a well-meaning lawyer. Maybe a little naive in accepting the lawyer's version of the facts, but a good read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Customer So smart it stings.

"[N]o other writer tells better stories about the perpetual, the unwinnable, battle between narrative and truth." --The New York Times Book Review The Crime of Sheila McGough is Janet Malcolm's brilliant exposé of miscarriage of justice in the case of Sheila McGough, a disbarred lawyer recently released from prison. McGough had served 2 1/2 years for collaborating with a client in his fraud, but insisted that she didn't commit any of the 14 felonies she was convicted. An astonishingly persuasive condemnation of the cupidity of American law and its preference for convincing narrative rather than the truth, this is also a story with an unconventional heroine. McGough is a zealous defense lawyer duped by a white-collar con man; a woman who lives, at the age of 54, with her parents; a journalistic subject who frustrates her interviewer with her maddening literal-mindedness. Spirited, illuminating, delightfully detailed, The Crime of Sheila McGough is both a dazzling work of journalism and a searching meditation on character and the law.