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meaningful news stories that will appeal to, and be understood by, the general public. Thus, judges lose control of the message once they

hand down decisions, and journalists have the last word. To show how the Supreme Court has fared under the media spotlight, Sauvageau, Schneiderman, and Taras examine a year in the life of the court and then focus on the media coverage of four high-profile decisions: the Marshall case, about Aboriginal rights; the Vriend case, about gay rights; the Quebec Secession Reference; and the Sharpe child pornography case. They explore the differences between television and newspaper coverage, national and regional reporting, and the Frenchand English-language media. They also describe how judges and journalists understand and interact with one another amid oftenclashing legal and journalistic cultures, offering a rich and detailed account of the relationship between two of the most important institutions in Canadian life.