



Murder at the Supreme Court: Lethal Crimes and Landmark Cases

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Prometheus. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. In 1969, U.S. Supreme Court justices cast votes in secret that could have signaled the end of the death penalty. Later, the justices' resolve began to unravel. Why? What were the consequences for the rule of law and for the life at stake in the case? Martin Clancy and Tim O'Brien longtime ABC News veterans who have reported on capital punishment issues for three decades pull back the curtain of secrecy that surrounds Supreme Court deliberations, and also reveal the crucial links between landmark capital punishment cases and the lethal crimes at their root. They take readers to crime scenes, holding cells, jury rooms, autopsy suites, and execution chambers to report on murderous criminals and the haphazard judicial system that punishes them. These are "the cases that made the law," and have defined the parameters that judges must follow for a death sentence to stand up on appeal. Clancy and O'Brien also raise other confounding issues: Is lethal injection really more humane than other methods of execution? Should a mentally ill killer be forcibly medicated to make him "well enough" to be executed? How does the race of the perpetrator or the victim influence...



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