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In Insult Laws: An Insult to Press Freedom, Ruth Walden, professor of journalism and mass communication at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, surveys the insult laws of ninety-one countries and territories and summarizes various press cases involving application of the laws. Her definition of insult laws focuses not on "what the laws are called or how they are worded," but on how they impact freedom of the press. Thus, Walden's study of insult laws around the world covers criminal defamation laws and seditious libel laws, as well as insult laws.