# Contents

List of illustrations  page viii  
Acknowledgments  xi  

Introduction: eating relations  1  

**PART I  CANNIBAL ETHICS**  

Excursus: the body edible  29  

1  The cook and the cannibal: *Titus Andronicus* and New World eating  32  

2  I will not eat with you: failures of commensality in *The Merchant of Venice*  67  

**PART II  COMMUNION AND COMMUNITY**  

3  Anne Askew, John Bale, and the stakes of eating  97  

Excursus: receiving the recipe  135  

4  How to eat a book: Ann Fanshawe and manuscript recipe culture  139  

5  Eaters of Eden: Milton and the invention of hospitality  171  

Conclusion: toward a relational ethics of eating  205  

Notes  212  
Bibliography  254  
Index  273