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Divided into four thematic sections, *What's Eating You?* explores the deeper significance of food on screen—the ways in which they reflect (or challenge) our deepest fears about consuming and being consumed. Among the questions it asks are: How do these films mock our taboos and unsettle our notions about the human condition? How do they critique our increasing focus on consumption? In what ways do they hold a mirror to our taken-for-granted about food and humanity, asking if what we eat truly matters? Horror narratives routinely grasp those questions and spin them into nightmares. Monstrous "others" dine on forbidden fare; the tables of consumption are turned, and the consumer becomes the consumed. Overindulgence, as *Le Grande Bouffe* (1973) and *Street Trash* (1987) warn, can kill us, and occasionally, as films like *The Stuff* (1985) and *Poultrygeist* (2006) illustrate, our food fights back. From *Blood Feast* (1963) to *Sweeney Todd* (2007), motion pictures have reminded us that it is an "eat or be eaten" world.
