

In a world of industrialized farming and feed lots, is eating meat ever a morally responsible choice? Is eating organic or free range sufficient to change the moral equation? Is there a moral cost in not eating meat? As billions of animals continue to be raised and killed by human beings for human consumption, these questions grow in significance and urgency.

This volume collects twelve new essays by leading moral philosophers who address the difficult questions surrounding meat eating by examining various implications and consequences of our food choices. Some argue for the moral permissibility of eating meat by pointing out that farm animals would not exist and flourish otherwise, or by claiming that the painless death that awaits most such animals is no loss to them. Others consider whether we should support compromise positions—such as meatless Mondays—in our efforts to improve the lives of animals.

*The Moral Complexities of Eating Meat* is a stimulating contribution to the ongoing debate on meat consumption and actively challenges readers to reevaluate their stand on food and animal ethics.

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