

Contents

Acknowledgments	ix
A Note on Texts	x
Abbreviations	xi
Introduction	I
1. The New Judith: Teresa de Cartagena	21
2. Constanza de Castilla and the Gynaecum of Compassion	41
3. María de Ajofrín: The Scourge of Toledo	68
4. The New Magdalen: María de Santo Domingo	85
5. Juana de la Cruz and the Secret Garden	104
Epilogue	127
Notes	143
References Cited	201
Index	217