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# Where to Buy Candy in New York City

Three candy shops to stock up on sweets for Halloween (and the rest of the year).

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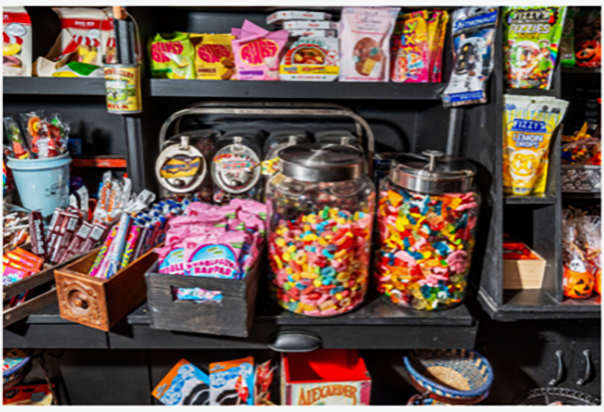
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I have to admit: For a food writer, I don't have much of a sweet tooth. Most days, I'd rather fill up on something savory, spicy or fermented, and leave dessert to the pros. (Hi, Mahira Rivers!)

That all changes when Halloween comes around. Suddenly, candy is on my mind, in my cupboards and in my pockets. Good timing, since candy is also all over our city, thanks to bulk-bin candy shops like BonBon and Little Sweet Treat. Like a kid in a candy store? Please. As one candy maker told me this week, most of his customers are millennials!



Everything at the Sweet Shop on the Upper East Side has been kid-tested and approved. Heather Willensky for The New York Times

### A pick-and-mix pioneer

Pick-and-mix candy — scooped from the bin, sold by the pound — is a distinctly Swedish tradition. But it's become a New York phenomenon, too. Kelly and Glyn Jaime were way ahead of the curve when they opened their pick-and-mix candy store, **the Sweet Shop**, in 2012. It also helped that they had a captive audience for their peach rings and rainbow belts at nearby P.S. 158.

Anyone looking for a taste of old-school New York should pay a visit to the Upper East Side store, which is now run by their son, Matthew Bolden. Reveal your cravings to him, and you'll be rewarded with a baggie of assorted candies, precisely calibrated to your palate. Some you've surely seen before, like the sour worms, striped logs and gummy chicken feet. But this might be your first encounter with watermelon-flavored marshmallows or Swedish Fish in a dark chocolate shell. For some New Yorkers, it's not a visit to the Sweet Shop without a few marshmallows sheathed in good, buttery caramel. These are known locally as "silkies," and thankfully, for all of us, they aren't sold by the pound!

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