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TRICK-OR-TREAT YOURSELF WITH 2021'S TRENDIEST CANDIES!

You've just taken your kids trick-or-treating, but, as your sore feet finally get to rest, you're left with a powerful craving for sweets. If you don't enjoy the cheaper, classic candies from your child's Halloween haul, then it's time for the adults to treat themselves. Here's a few trendy candies that you'll love, and you don't have to wait for Halloween to enjoy them either!

SNEAKY STARDUST

Most sour candies are named to inspire fear, but Sneaky Stardust is an adorable name for this sweet and sour gum powder candy! What is gum powder, you ask? With an initial sweet texture almost like Pixie Dust, this candy powder turns into gum in your mouth! It's definitely a magic trick, hence the name Sneaky Stardust.

You'll love the packaging of this candy just as much, though. It comes in brightly colored resealable jugs that almost look like sweet tea jugs. You'll find three sour flavors available on the market: Sour Blue Raspberry, Sour Green Apple, and Sour Strawberry.

KIDSMANIA SODA CAN FIZZY CANDY

Do you remember the fizzy candies from the 1990s and early 2000s? If you want a nostalgic flashback, you don't need a time machine. Not dissimilar to a six-pack of soda, Soda Can Fizzy Candy comes in a miniature six-pack of plastic cans with four different flavors: Lemon-Lime Sprint, Loca Cola, Grape Splash, and Orange Crash. You'll love just how adorably fun-size these candies are, plus you get several different flavors in one box.

They should be relatively easy to find at a local Walmart or you can buy in bulk on The Wholesale Candy Store (\$12) or Amazon (\$18). If your kids like them, you could even use these as an easy reward for chores or good behavior.

DINDON FRUITY'S JU-C JELLY FRUIT CANDY

These jelly-bursting candies sparked a TikTok craze in 2021! Although they're a bit pricey, many people were excited by the interesting, but tricky, way that you eat this unique treat. Basically, the candy is fruit jelly set in

a thin plastic, fruit-shaped mold, and you have to bite into the candy in order to break the plastic and burst the jelly into your mouth.

Some say the most successful way of eating Ju-C Jelly Fruit is by biting as far into the fruit as you can, or pressing near the long end of plastic so the jelly breaks out at the short end. Others say the secret is prayer. Give it a try! With five classic flavors (apple, grape, orange, strawberry, and pineapple), you'll be sure to find this experience quite yummy.

DANDELION CHOCOLATE

Maybe your tastes are a little more refined — that's where Dandelion Chocolate comes in. In 2021, chocolate enthusiasts have been buzzing about Dandelion's "bean-to-table" approach toward their chocolate. Exclusively produced from small-batch craft producers, this chocolate is truly special with an artisan's hand managing every step of the way, from processing to flavoring. Add this to your next wine night and impress the crowd!

CLASSIC GUAVA HARD CANDY

We had to include this international favorite that's been gaining more attention! This highly fragrant guava-flavored candy might not sound special on the surface, but it's incredibly delicious as an occasional treat or end-of-meal sweet! You might've even tried it at a local Asian restaurant. You'll know it's the real thing if it's produced by the Guangdong Hongyuan Foods Company.

Even though kids get to enjoy free candy on Halloween, adults get to enjoy any kind of candy they want, and whenever they want it — that's a pretty good trade-off. We hope you'll give a few of these sweet treats a try!



Greg Herrman

GHOSTS ACROSS AMERICA

3 HAUNTED SPOTS EVERY GHOST BELIEVER WILL LOVE

October is one of the best months for travel in the U.S. With mild temperatures and gorgeous, colorful leaves everywhere, there's no better time for a cross-country road trip. Add some Halloween flair to your October vacation with these three ghostly attractions.

VISIT THE MOST HAUNTED TOWN IN THE U.S. — WAYNESVILLE, OHIO.

Sure, New Orleans may have a spooky past, but it doesn't compare to Waynesville. Many residents and visitors think this Ohio town is rife with ghosts. You may hear cries to "hurry up" at The Hammel House Inn, where many tunnels for the underground railroad came through, or you could see the apparition of a businessman from the 1800s who "never checked out." Other sources report hauntings at the town's historical society, Museum at the Friends Home, including a little girl who moves toys and sits on the porch. The society leans into the local fascination and hosts regular walking ghost tours and ghost hunting classes.

STAY A WHILE AT HOTEL MONTE VISTA IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.

Guests at Hotel Monte Vista have often enjoyed long stays at the downtown Flagstaff, Arizona, hotel, but not everyone leaves.

Constructed in 1927, the hotel is host to a number of reported ghosts. The most well-known is an elderly woman who would spend hours rocking in the chair in her room. Today, her chair can be found moving on its own. Another popular visitor is the ghost of a bellboy who knocks on doors and announces that room service has arrived — only, no one's there.



IS THERE A MONSTER IN PINE BARRENS, NEW JERSEY?

This one's for those who love mysterious creatures. Pine Barrens is a mass of forested land that spreads across seven counties in New Jersey — and its most famous resident isn't human. The Jersey Devil has a long, storied history and is said to be a combination of many animals: Its body is shaped like a kangaroo with wings. It has the head of a dog but the face of a horse. The creature is believed to have had a sickly start to life in 1735 and has stayed to haunt the forest's inhabitants and even those who visit the area today.



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—Kelani P.

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—Edward M.

THE DOG WHO RESCUED ANOTHER

THE STORY OF WHOOBIE, JUAN, AND THE FAMILY THEY CREATED

When we hear about animals being rescued and adopted, we often picture a family finding their perfect furry companion.

In the case of Whoobie and Juan, it's a little different.

Whoobie was his owner, Patricia Lane's, loyal mutt for many years. He mastered all the standard dog commands — sit, stay, and lay down — and he danced when asked and could find his favorite toys by name. Patricia always knew when her guests arrived based on Whoobie's howl, and his loud-mouth attitude often saw him as the "sheriff" of the local dog park, policing any and all dog fights.

For years, Whoobie and Patricia were perfect companions, but one day, their family grew by chance. After waking from a nap on their couch, Patricia and Whoobie heard a dog barking outside. A small Chihuahua mix was standing in their backyard, despite the high fence. (Later, Patricia surmised that someone dropped the Chihuahua into her yard.)

For an hour, Patricia tried to establish a rapport, pleading with the little dog to eat or come inside so she could find his owners. He wouldn't move. Giving up, Patricia left her door open and went back inside. Whoobie followed — and so did the little dog. As Patricia explains to Reader's Digest, "From then on, he always followed Whoobie."

After no one claimed the dog, Patricia adopted him and named him Juan. Still uncertain about people, Juan latched onto Whoobie, and the pair became an inseparable duo. The new brothers shared a bed, and occasionally, Whoobie placed his arm around Juan. At the dog park, every canine knew not to mess with Juan, lest they had Whoobie to contend with. The pair remained that way for years.

Sadly, the worst part about dogs is that they leave us too soon. On the day Whoobie died, Patricia and Juan said their goodbyes together in the veterinarian clinic. "As Whoobie took his last breath," Patricia recalls, "Juan laid down next to Whoobie. He seemed to know his friend was gone."



Today, Patricia and Juan have bonded, but they still miss their friend — a dog who saved them both and helped create their family.

You can read more pet stories in Reader's Digest's "America's Best Pet Pals" series.



ONE-PAN VEGGIES AND CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 sweet potato, cubed
- 1 lb Brussels sprouts, halved
- 2 apples, sliced
- 4 chicken thighs
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp rosemary
- 2 tbsp thyme

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. On a baking sheet, add potatoes, Brussels sprouts, and apples. Layer chicken thighs on top.
3. Drizzle with olive oil. Then season with salt, pepper, garlic, rosemary, and thyme.
4. Turn chicken over and add seasoning to the back side. Return skin-side up before baking.
5. Bake for 30 minutes, and broil for 5–10 minutes afterward.

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Herrman & Herrman, PLLC Presents:

VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

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PRIZE

PRIZE: Concert tickets to Chris Young at Concrete Street to eight (8) winners!

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WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN BY OUR TEAM & ANNOUNCED ON NOV. 1ST.

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CORN MAZES DATE BACK TO ANCIENT GREECE?

A Historical Look at This Wacky Fall Tradition

Exploring a corn maze is a great way to get outside and enjoy the fall season with friends and family — but who came up with the idea of wandering around a corn field for fun? As it turns out, outdoor mazes are an ancient tradition, and the American corn maze of the '90s sprouted from the mazes of 17th-century European gardens. Don't believe it? Here's a quick tour of corn maze history.

THE MINOTAUR AND THE MAZE

Have you heard of Theseus and the Minotaur? This ancient Greek legend tells the story of the hero Theseus, who ventured into an elaborate maze to kill the half-man, half-bull imprisoned there. The monstrous Minotaur was known to eat heroes, and the labyrinth was known to trap them, but Theseus managed to slay the Minotaur and find his way home with the help of a string that he unspooled as he walked.

This story isn't the first recorded example of a maze or labyrinth — according to the World History encyclopedia, "[L]abyrinths and labyrinthine symbols have been dated to the Neolithic Age in regions as diverse as modern-day Turkey, Ireland, Greece, and India, among others" — but it's perhaps the most famous ancient tale. If you've ever navigated a Halloween corn maze staffed by ghouls and ghosts, you can see the parallels!



GARDEN ART TO GET LOST IN

Mazes formed from bushes began popping up in European gardens in the 17th century. They were a popular artistic feature of upper-class gardens in England, more for looking at than solving. One famous example is the half-mile-long Hampton Maze, which was planted in 1690 and still stands today.

THE CORN MAZE: AN AMERICAN INVENTION

Garden mazes eventually hopped the pond to America but didn't become interactive puzzles until Don Frantz, Creative Director of the American Maze Company, came on the scene. In 1993, Frantz created the "first ever cornfield maze for private and public entertainment" to attract college kids in Pennsylvania. Today, every small-town corn maze is a descendant of his "Amazing Maize Maze." To learn more about that wacky history, visit AmericanMaze.com.