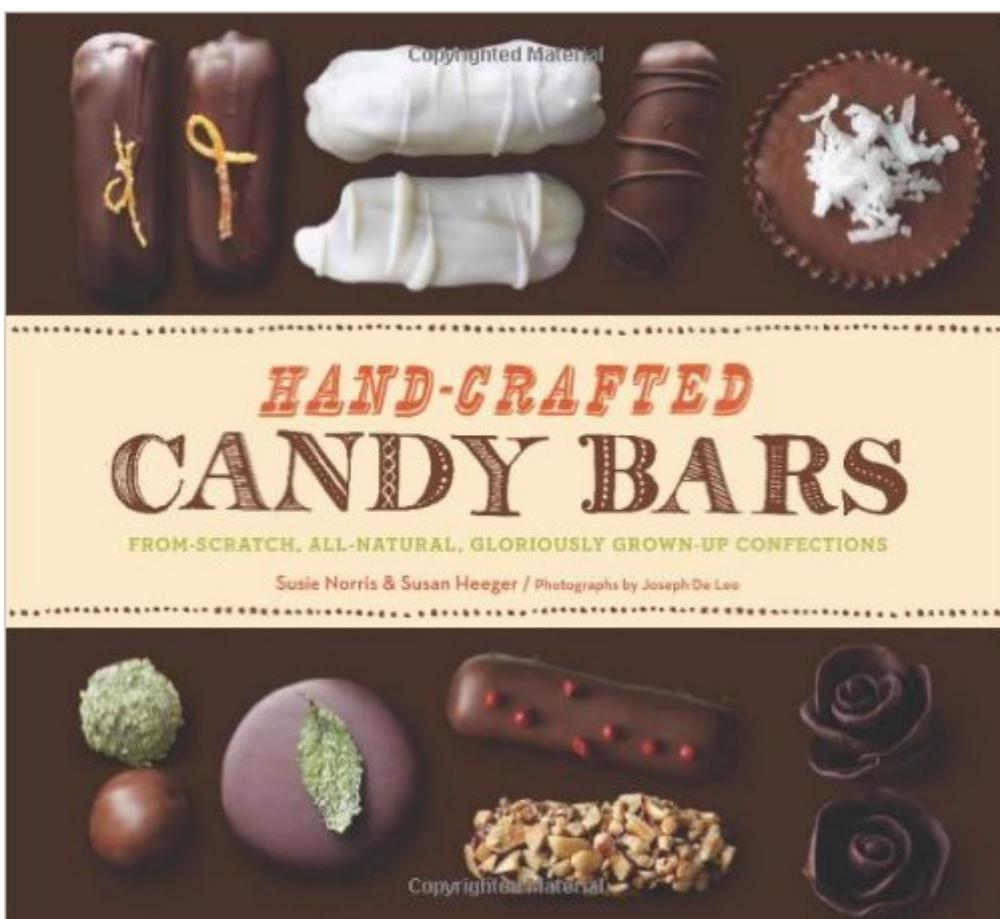


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# Hand-Crafted Candy Bars: From-Scratch, All-Natural, Gloriously Grown-Up Confections



## Synopsis

The beloved candy bars of childhood have grown up, but there is no need to go to the French Laundry to get your fix. Candy bar devotees Susie Norris and Susan Heeger show how to reinvent candy bars as they should beâ "thick and layered with nougat, crisp with toffee, and coated with fine chocolate. Familiar candy-store bars and other nostalgic favorites are re-created using the freshest ingredients, right down to the peanut-laden caramel and chocolate-drenched cookie crunch. A mix-and-match flavor chart inspires anyone with a sweet tooth to dream up custom treats of their own, such as covering marshmallows with molten chocolate. From the basics of candy making to tips on dressing up these luscious indulgences as elegant desserts, Hand-Crafted Candy Bars evokes the sweet memory of youth with simple, scrumptious sophistication.

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## Customer Reviews

I really, really wanted to love this book. In fact, I checked it out from my local library no less than 3 times before it landed under the Christmas tree. But, even with all my borrowing, I never found time to make any recipes before I owned it. I was just busy and stressed, and didn't make time for it (and the recipes are time consuming). I was really excited when I opened it, and vowed to make something from it soon. The pictures just look absolutely delicious, and the hardest part was picking which bar to make. I know this review is long, but I felt like a review of the recipes, with an explanation, would be most helpful.I settled on an abbreviated Over the Moon (Milky Way) bar. I wanted to make it gluten free, so I omitted the barley malt syrup (which was an addition to the basic recipe components in the back of the book), and I also decided to use the soft vanilla nougat

instead of the chocolate nougat. Considering the authors invite you to experiment, I felt okay with these choices even though I usually like to stick to the exact recipe the first time I cook from a new book. Before I continue, I need to clarify something. I am an amateur cook, but I am not a complete novice. I have successfully made caramel in the past, I have made fudge from scratch, I make marshmallows, I bake entirely from scratch, including occasionally croissants. I know my way around the kitchen and around a recipe. I was really skeptical of another reviewer who said the recipes didn't work, so I want you to know that I'm a confident home cook. I made the caramel first, and about half-way through, I suspected something was wrong. I cooked it to the correct temperature (they list 310, though it still looked a bit pale to me) before shocking it in ice for several seconds.

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