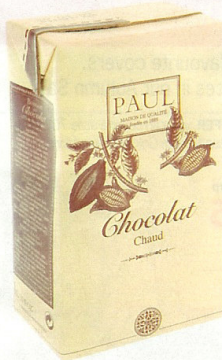




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Hosting a Halloween party? Try our tasty tricks and treats...



You should cocoa

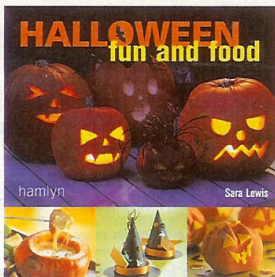
Beat the chill with this luxurious hot chocolate from the country where cocoa comes second only to wine. It's available exclusively from the luxury French bakery chain Paul that recently launched in London. But be warned, it's hard to stop at one. Priced £5.50 (www.paul.fr, 020 7391 1901).

Big dippers

Marshmallows dipped in melted chocolate fondue are guaranteed to make anyone's mouth water. Vintage fondue set, £9.99, Lakeland Limited (01539 488100, www.lakelandlimited.co.uk)

Fright bites

Sara Lewis's *Halloween Fun and Food* is packed with recipes and easy entertaining and decorating ideas for a hip Halloween (£4.99, Hamlyn). See Bookshop, page 83.



Choc horror

Marks & Spencer's Halloween eats include these spooky chocolate cupcakes, just £2.99 (0845 603 1603, www.marksandspencer.com).



Cookie monsters

Keep the kids occupied for hours creating edible art with these spooky Make & Paint Ghost Cookies. They're almost too good to eat, at £8.50, from Harvey Nichols (020 7201 8538, www.harveynichols.com).



Cutting edge

Can't be bothered to carve a pumpkin? These silicone lantern cookie cutters are the next best thing and much less messy, too. Priced £1.95, Gilberts Food Equipment (0845 2300 681, www.topgourmet.co.uk).

