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## Best Chocolates for Valentines

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Our newest intern, Kate Statton, senior at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is both a romantic and a chocoholic. Here's her advice on Valentine's Day sweets.

"Having been a chocolate lover all my life, I've always been a fan of Valentine's Day. As a child, I looked forward to that special morning when I would wake up, turn over in bed, and find a little heart-shaped box of Russell Stover's on my pillow. Now that I'm older and no longer live in my parents' house, I can't count on that red box being there in the morning, but I make sure to keep the warm sentiment of the holiday regardless. Whether it's putting cards under doors of dorm rooms or finding the perfect stuffed animal for a friend, I try to pass on my excitement to those around me.



"Determined to find something for everyone, I gathered an assortment of Valentine's Day chocolates, called over my co-workers in the Kitchen Appliances & Technology lab, and held a chocolate tasting. We had a lot of fun and after an abundance of tasting and a few overdoses, came up with a definitive go-to guide for Valentine's Day gifting.

- "For someone sweet and spicy order [Norman Love's 2011 Love and Kisses Chocolate Gift Box](#) (\$35) which features the Red Hot Love truffle filled with cinnamon ganache.



- If you're looking for the **prettiest sweets of all**, go straight to [Norman Love](#). Each of his handcrafted chocolates is so beautiful, your sweetie may hesitate to actually eat them but it would be a shame because they're as delectable as they're good-looking.

"If you don't have any Valentine's Day traditions, I hope this list helps you start some and encourages you to leave something special on the pillow of the person you love, just like my mom always did for me. Happy Valentine's Day!"

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