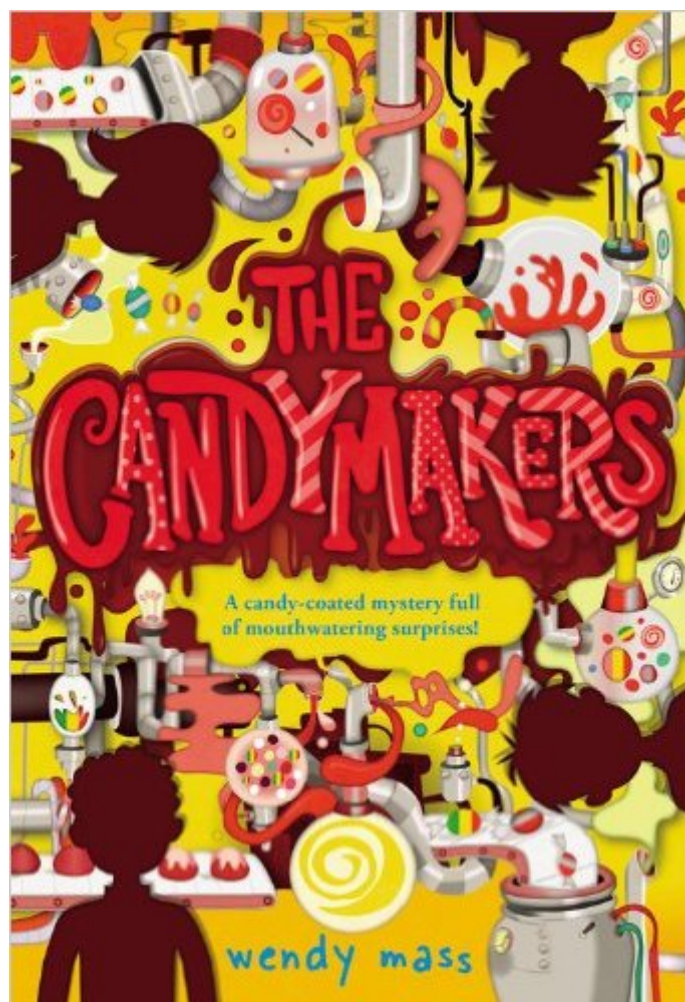


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# The Candymakers



## Synopsis

In the town of Spring Haven, four children have been selected to compete in the national candymaking contest of a lifetime. Who will make a candy more delicious than the Oozing Crunchorama or the Neon Yellow Lightning Chew? Logan, the candymaker's son, who can detect the color of chocolate by feel alone? Miles, the boy allergic to rowboats and the color pink? Daisy, the cheerful girl who can lift a fifty-pound lump of taffy as if it were a feather? Philip, the suit-and-tie-wearing boy who's always scribbling in a secret notebook? This sweet, charming, and cleverly crafted story, told from each contestant's perspective, is filled with mystery, friendship, and juicy revelations.

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## Customer Reviews

The Annual Candymaking Contest is about to get underway, and three hopeful 12-year-old candymakers are heading to the Life Is Sweet candy factory for two days of training before the Region III competition kicks off. Miles O'Leary, Daisy Carpenter and Philip Ransford III will be welcomed to the factory, owned by the Sweet family, and allowed use of the ingredients and facilities there. Already at the factory is the fourth competitor, Logan Sweet, the Candymakers' son and heir to the Life Is Sweet legacy. Between dreamy Miles, clever Daisy, ambitious Philip and candy prodigy Logan, the contest should be fierce. But in *THE CANDYMAKERS* by Wendy Mass,

readers will be surprised as the kids' real motives (and identities) are revealed. Daisy Carpenter is a bright and cheerful girl but a mysterious one as well. Besides being funny and kind-hearted, she is amazingly strong, reads romance novels when she should be working on her contest entry, is in the habit of talking to herself, and arrives at Life Is Sweet on a horse. Despite her overall confidence, Daisy's contest entry remains an inedible pile of green goo. About a year ago, Miles saw a girl drown. He was in a rowboat with his parents and saw a young girl, who was being chased by bees, head into the water, never to emerge. Since then he has been obsessed with death and the afterlife, and torn apart by guilt because he was unable to save her. The librarian who works at the library where he spends much of his time (often looking for secret or magical messages in books) suggested he enter the candy contest, and he's excited to get inside Life Is Sweet, a factory once famous for its annual picnics and tours. He's inspired to create a sweet honey bee candy in memory of the girl he never knew but thinks about constantly.

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