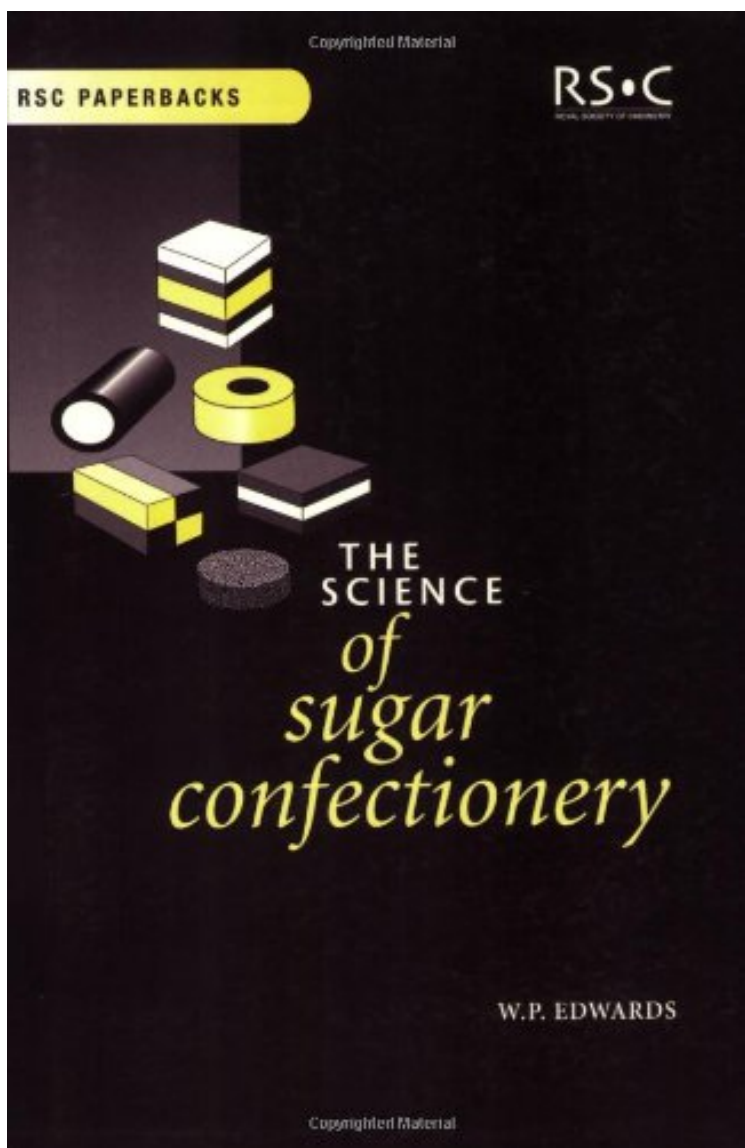


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A book for food scientists and chemistsBy Proudly NaijaI bought this book, because I am a Food Science major with a minor in Chemistry. This book discusses the scientific and technical aspect of making various types of candy. It broaches the topics that are vital to the confectionery industry

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Confectionery is a topic close to many people's hearts and its manufacture involves some interesting science. The confectionery industry is divided into three classes: chocolate, flour and sugar confectionery. It is the background science of this latter category that is covered in *The Science of Sugar Confectionery*. The manufacture of confectionery is not a science based industry, as these products have traditionally been created by skilled confectioners working empirically. In fact, scientific understanding of the production process has only been acquired retroactively. Historically however, sugar confectionery has had technological synergies with the pharmaceutical industry, such as making sugar tablets and applying panned sugar coatings. This book gives an introduction to the subject, with some basic definitions and commonly used ingredients and then moves on to discuss the chemistry of various types of sugar confectionery. These include "sugar glasses" (boiled sweets), "grained sugar products" (fondants), toffees and fudges, "hydrocolloids" (gums, pastilles and jellies) and concludes with a chapter dedicated to sugar-free confectionery.

"... deserves to be read by a wide and varied audience ... I would recommend this book for general reading by interested scientists, teachers and students." (*Chemistry in Britain*, April 2001, p 94)"... entertaining reading ... well suited to anyone with some scientific background who seeks an introduction to sugar confectionery and its science ..." (*Food Australia*, 54, 5, May 2002, p 197)"... useful information on the topic of sugar confections ..." (*The Alchemist*, ChemWeb Web Page, May 2001)"... an interesting and clearly written book, aimed for everyone attracted to the science behind sugar confectionery." (*Carbohydrate Polymers*, 47, 2002, p 88)"... a useful insight into the complexities of making sweets." (*Chemistry Industry*, No 12, 18 June 2001, p 380-381)