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## Pies that aren't

Unless you have a fetish for foods that are called pies but aren't really pies, you might struggle to keep MoonPies separate from whoopie pies. If so, this should help:



**MoonPies** [above] are chocolate-covered cookie sandwiches filled with marshmallow. They've been made for almost a century by the Chattanooga Bakery of Tennessee. The story goes that on his rounds one day, salesman Earl Mitchell asked miners to suggest a snack they'd like. Something solid and filling, they said. When Mitchell asked, "How big?" one of the miners framed the rising moon with his hands and said, "About that big." Mitchell took it from there.

**Whoopie pies** are two chocolate cakelike discs with whipped cream or frosting between them. No one can certify where they originated, but most sources agree it was either in Maine or in Pennsylvania Dutch country. It is fairly accepted that beginning in 1927 — not long after the Drake Brothers invented the quite-similar Devil Dog — and for 50 years after, Whoopie! Pies were made commercially in Roxbury by the Berwick Cake Co.

SOURCES: [www.moonpie.com](http://www.moonpie.com), Portland Press Herald, Interstate Bakeries

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