

ODE TO REESE'S PEANUT BUTTER CUPS IN THE FORM OF A SPEECH FROM AN ESTEEMED GUEST REPRESENTING THE FICTIONAL HALLOWEEN-VERDICTS™

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As we all know, the night of Halloween is always extremely hard for indecisive people. As most kids are well aware (or should be well aware), the whole point of trick-or-treating is to stuff as much candy into your mouth as physically possible. It is the one night where grown people aren't paying enough attention to the amount of artificial sugar they empty into their small bodies. This cramming gets complicated, however, when there are multitudes of different species of candy to choose from. There are the mediocre chocolates that you stuff into your mouth because you can, the REALLY good expensive chocolates, the strange off-brand European candies, the for-no-reason-whatsoever jumbo sized candies, and then we come to a wicked breed: Hard Candy. Hard Candy is the evilest of all because it's so good. It's so good, yet it's completely manufactured to prevent the overall goal of Halloween. What will happen is a kid will receive a rootbeer dum-dums lollipop or hot pink rock candy or some other evil entity in that category and be lured in by its appeal. They will then give in to the evil call of the crinkly wrapped butterscotch or the white and red striped peppermint and put it in their mouths. What happens next they will walk around receiving other mouthwatering candy, but not being able to eat ANY OF IT because, within their mouths, for a whole ten minutes of a precious and well-planned-out night, will reside the villainous hard candy -- dawdling with its wickedness. This is why hard candy should never be consumed on Halloween night. Full stop. That last point brings me to the opposite of evil, the greatest, the mouthwatering, the perfect Halloween candy of all time. This is the Reese's Peanut Butter cup. Yes, it has its own category. Yes, it's that amazing. The Reese's Peanut Butter cup (or the RPBC as we here at HalloweenVerdicts™ call it) earns this fabulous title for multiple reasons. First of all, the time: when a child receives a RPBC and puts it in their mouth, studies show that it only takes the child average one minute to finish this delectable treat. This is efficient and therefore HalloweenVerdicts™ approved. Another reason why RPBC earns its own category and is the title of greatest candy of all time is because it comes in so many different forms. There are the dark chocolate, milk chocolate, white chocolate, crunchy, smooth, pumpkin-shaped, round, caramel, nutty and so many more. Heck, RPBC even has its own egg! This variety in choice allows the different princesses, vampires and Draculas in the crowd to enjoy *their* preference of sweet treat, whereas a Snickers is just the same old, same old. And the final and most important reason of all, is that it tastes good! Here at HalloweenVerdicts™ we firmly believe that taste is a whooping 75% of the enjoyment. Seriously, who doesn't love the creamy peanut butter that's so sweet it redefines what peanut butter should taste, the thin layer of chocolate and the overall crunch as you sink your teeth in? I could go on and on but unfortunately, I have a word count limit for this speech...so thank you for your time and make sure to check out our HalloweenVerdicts™ website for the newest spooky hot take!