

Culture Choice 4



1 Work in pairs. Look at the photos (a-d) and ask and answer the questions.

- Which of the chocolate in the photos would you like to eat or drink?
- How popular is chocolate in your country? What are the most popular kinds of chocolate or chocolate dishes?
- How much chocolate do you eat every week? What is your favourite kind of chocolate?

2 **4.10 4.11** Listen to the radio programme about chocolate. In what order does the expert mention the things in the photos (a-d)?

1 - d

3 **4.10 4.11** Listen again and choose the best answers to these questions.

- Where do people eat the most chocolate?
a Belgium b the USA c Switzerland
- Where did people first start making chocolate?
a Europe b Mexico c the USA
- Who started to drink chocolate with sugar in it?
a the Aztecs b the Spanish c the Swiss
- Where did Daniel Peter start to mix milk and chocolate?
a Belgium b Britain c Switzerland
- What is good for you to eat every day?
a a lot of milk chocolate
b 100 grams of dark chocolate
c white chocolate

4 Read the information about Joanne Harris on page 103. What is important in her books? Why?

5 **4.12** Read and listen to the film review *Chocolat*. Order the information (a-d) in the review.

- opinions about the film
- the beginning of the film
- basic information about the film
- what happens in the film

6 Read the review again and answer these questions.

- Why can't the villagers eat the chocolates?
- Why do they go to Vianne's shop?
- Why does the mayor get angry?
- How is Vianne a kind person?
- What character is Johnny Depp in the film?
- What is not so good about the film?
- What are the good things about the film?
- Why are the chocolates the stars of the film?

7 Would you like to watch the film or read the book? Why/Why not?

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8 Write notes about a film from your country. Include this information:

- basic information: title/year/the director/the actors
- what happens in the story (not the end of the film)
- why it is good or bad

9 Work in groups. Take turns to ask and answer these questions about your film.

- Who is the director?
- Who are the main actors?
- What happens at the beginning of the film?
- What happens next?
- Who are the main characters?
- What are the best things about the film?
- What is not so good about the film?



Joanne Harris (1964 -) is from the north of England but her mother is French. She studied languages at Cambridge University and was a teacher for fifteen years after she left university. Her third novel, *Chocolat*, is about a chocolate shop in France - it was a bestseller and became a film in 2001. Food is always a theme in her books. When she was young, Joanne's grandparents had a sweet shop and she wrote a cookery book, *My French Kitchen*, in 2002.

CHOCOLAT

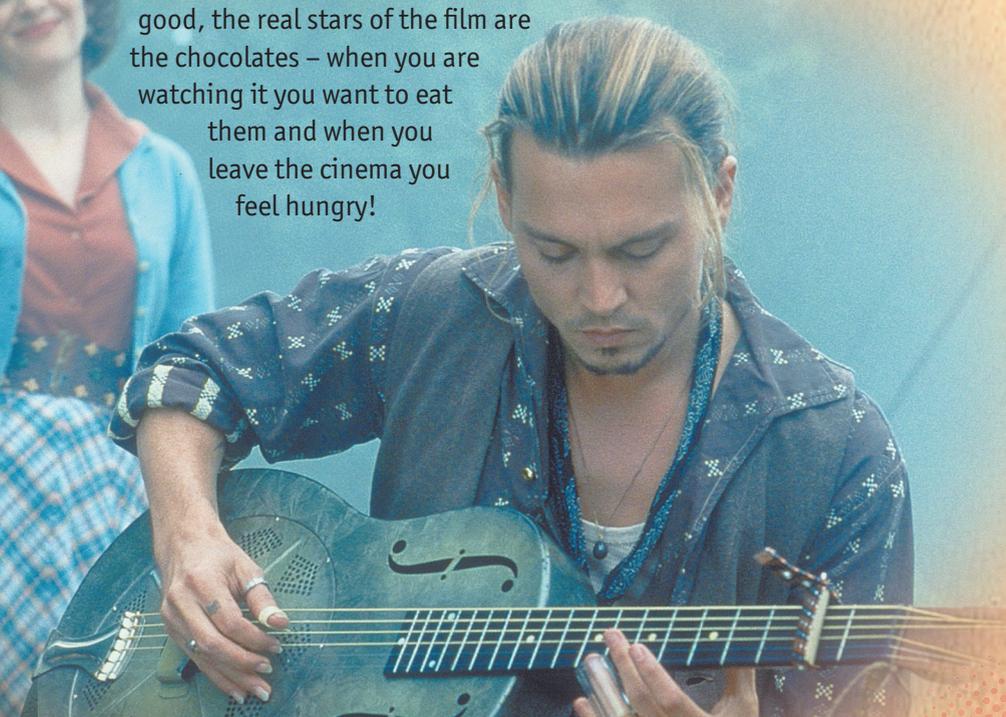
In 1959, Vianne Rocher (Juliette Binoche) and her young daughter move into a small French village and Vianne opens a chocolate shop. It is the period before Easter when people can't eat things like meat and sweets but some villagers start to go to Vianne's shop because her chocolates are so good.



The local mayor, Comte de Reynaud (Alfred Molina), is very angry. For him, the chocolate shop is a temptation for the villagers and he does not like Vianne because she does not go to church. Gradually, more people start to come to the shop and try Vianne's delicious chocolates. She is a fantastic cook, she knows the best type of chocolate for every person and she helps people in the village with problems. Vianne also meets a good-looking Irish traveller, Roux (Johnny Depp), and falls in love with him. With Roux's help, she organises a big chocolate festival on Easter Sunday.

The story of the film *Chocolat* comes from the novel by Joanne Harris and the director is Lasse Hallström. The main actors are Juliette Binoche (Vianne Rocher) and Alfred Molina (Comte de Reynaud); Johnny Depp and Judi Dench are also in the film.

The story is interesting but very predictable. It is also strange because it happens in a French village where the people speak English! One of the best things about this film is the great acting; Juliette Binoche and Alfred Molina are fantastic. There are also some good dialogues and the photography is amazing, too. Because the photography is so good, the real stars of the film are the chocolates - when you are watching it you want to eat them and when you leave the cinema you feel hungry!



Glossary

- delicious:** (adj) food that is very good
- Easter:** (n) a Christian festival (March/April)
- fall in love:** (v) to start to be in love with a person
- mayor:** (n) someone who is the head of the government in a town, city or village
- predictable:** (adj) when you know what is going to happen
- temptation:** (n) when you want something badly
- villager:** (n) a person who lives in a village