

# MMMM... CAKE!

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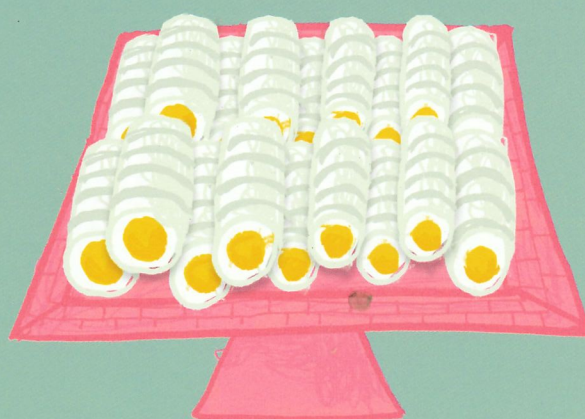
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## Moon cake

Mooncakes from China are little round cakes filled with bean paste and decorated with Chinese symbols that represent long life. They are eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival to celebrate the moon.

**Bone cake**  
Spanish *huesos de santo* (hoo-ay-soss de santo) are eaten on November 1st, which is a Christian festival called All Saints' Day. The cakes are tubes of white marzipan filled with custard. Do they remind you of something? Here's a clue: their name means "saint's bones"!



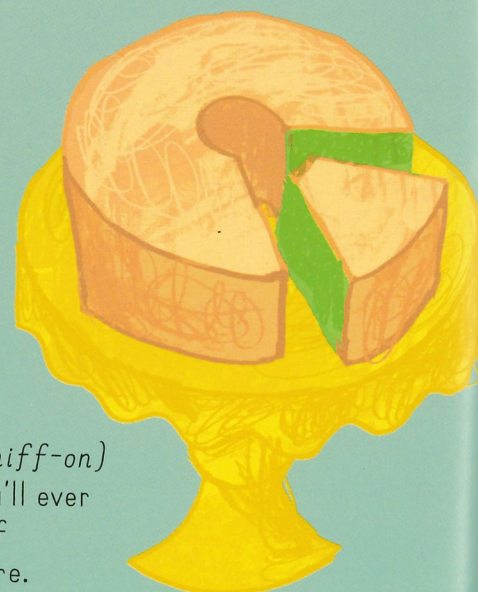
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## Leaf cake

The Malaysian *pandan chiffon* (pan-dan shiff-on) cake could be the brightest green sponge you'll ever see. It gets its colour from the sweet juice of pandanus palm leaves used in the cake mixture.



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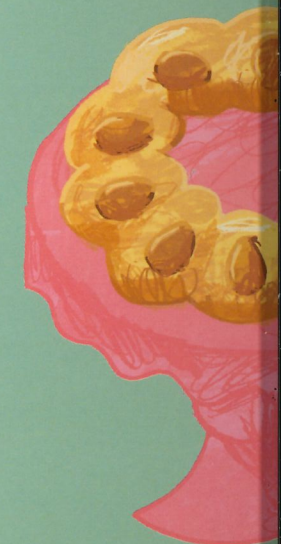
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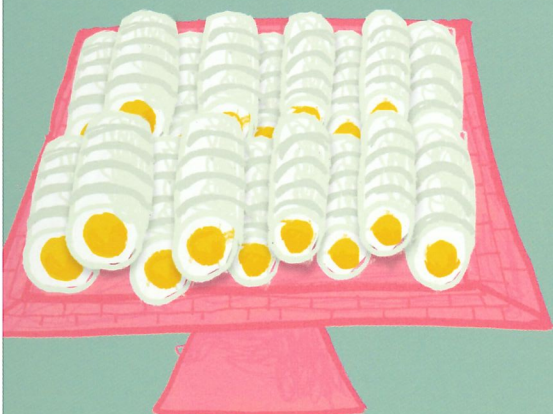
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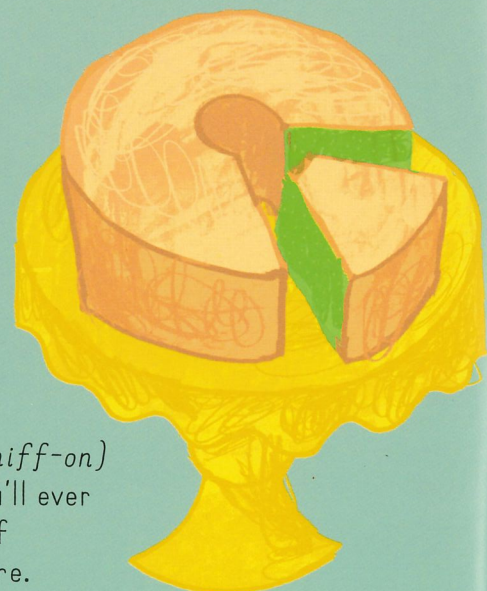


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On January 6th, everybody eats king cake in New Orleans, USA. Somewhere hidden inside each brightly coloured cake there is a tiny plastic baby representing the baby Jesus. Whoever gets the baby must buy the next cake.



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In some parts of Spain, lucky children get a *Mona de Pascua* (moh-na de pas-qua) cake at Eastertime. The cake has an egg on top for every year of the child's life. The eggs can be chocolate or real boiled eggs. Which one would you like?

Are special traditional cakes ever eaten where you live?