

# La vie à Philadelphie...

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## "Coffee-chocolate" in Di Bruno Bros.

Some of you already know it and others are just starting to get it: I like treating myself and, most of all, I like it when people treat themselves; as long as you don't bother anyone, go ahead!

### Last Friday, I thus treated myself.

Having just received my paycheck the day before, I thought I should celebrate immediately by going to "Barnes & Noble" (two blocks away from my office) to buy IT: Giada's latest book (yeah!!!) which, of course, I'll talk about very soon.

I had thus planned my lunch break as follows: I didn't go back home but went to my office's cafeteria and - perfect timing - they had prepared some "New England Clam Chowder".

It's a rather thick soup, creamy and delicious. I am usually not big on soups but this one is rich and yummy. This time, as the smart girl that I am, I even bought two additional big cups to bring home for my love likes it as well.



### Anyway.

After enjoying my soup at my desk - while browsing through my favorite blogs - I took my "real" lunch break and went for a walk in the neighborhood...

Of course, I quickly found myself at "my" "Di Bruno" brothers'...

I'll say it again for those of you who haven't been reading this blog carefully: this shop is a gourmet and foodie dream come true. However, as I always say, their high quality products are not cheap: let me remind you that they are the ones who sell "Nutella" for 17 dollars a kilo (2.2 pounds) (note that, in France, one kilo of "Nutella" costs about 6 euros, i.e. 8 dollars...).

### Oops.

As often on Fridays, there was a little tasting going on at "Di Bruno": chocolate??? Almost.

It resembled it much, but it wasn't...

Here is what this product contains: sugar, cocoa butter, milk, coffee beans and soy lecithin (NATURAL emulsifier, if you must know).



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Well, my friends: it's incredibly good!!! I don't drink coffee but I love the smell of it and if, as it is the case here, it is mixed with sugar and fat, it can only be good, right?

I shifted to "journalist" mode and talked with the saleswoman: she explained that "Acapella Gourmet Foods" - the company which distributes this "chocolate-coffee" - is about... two weeks old! They are located in Pennsylvania and, apparently, their idea is to offer "solid" coffee, just like chocolate exists in liquid AND solid version.

I tasted two different flavors and they were both very, very good. Be careful, however: you shouldn't eat this in excess (like you eat chocolate in excess...) since it contains caffeine.

I had a hard time not buying everything and left with only one bar ("Espresso Serenade", the strongest and fullest flavor; 3.99 dollars) and five adorable heart-shaped red boxes each containing one "coffee" (I always want to say "chocolate" but it's not!!) and of which 100% of the benefits will go to Project Rainbow (1 dollar a box: it's cheap, pretty and for a good cause; everything I like!).

They also have heart-shaped and flower-shaped "coffees" in nice little boxes:

