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Get sweet in the afternoon.

Every neighborhood has bread—and now cupcake—bakeries like the pastel-walled **Billy's Bakery** (184 9th Ave., www.billysbakerynyc.com). At the café in the rear of chocolatier **MarieBelle** in SoHo, you can sit down for a fruit smoothie or an **Aztec Iced Chocolate** (www.mariebelle.com). Mister Softee trucks play a jingle, so you know when and where you can buy ice cream, and on the Lower East Side, there's **Il Laboratorio del Gelato** with dozens of flavors of gelato and sorbet (95 Orchard St., www.laboratoriodelgelato.com).



Everyone from *Out Traveler* to *InStyle* has written sweetly of Billy's Bakery, a bright 9th Avenue shop.

