



MUDGIE'S



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NEIGHBORHOOD Corktown, Detroit

This historical area is at the heart of the city's current revitalization. Writer—and local—**MEGHAN MCEWEN** shows us around.

Eight years ago, when my husband and his brother bought three buildings on a run-down block in Corktown, a mile southwest of downtown Detroit, the structures were such a wreck that you could stand in the basement and see the sky. Today, the entire block is bustling with new businesses. Charming side streets lined with candy-colored Victorians and a vibrant food scene—including my brother-in-law's Slows Bar B Q and urban farms such as ACRE and Brother Nature—are drawing a fresh wave of pioneers to the neighborhood, which was first established by Irish immigrants in the 1830s. Last December, I opened a tiny inn above Slows called Honor & Folly. Here, a list of the don't-miss places I share with my guests.

MUDGIE'S

This ivy-covered deli is known for its monster-size sandwiches. Save room for the homemade bread-pudding waffle topped with apples and a local dairy's horchata ice cream. 1300 Porter Street, mudgiesdeli.com.

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This former cop bar has been reinvented with jockey-themed décor and a menu of unexpected slider

variations: pork butt with cabbage and Granny Smith apple, and beef with peanut butter and kimchi. 2200 West Lafayette Boulevard, greendotstables.com.

ASTRO COFFEE

At this de facto neighborhood hangout, owner Dai Hughes makes a mean latte while his wife, Jess Hicks, bakes up delectable goodies. 2124 Michigan Avenue, astrodetroit.com.

LE PETIT ZINC

Come for the marinated goat cheese, spinach, and pine nut crêpe;

stay for the peaceful, picturesque courtyard and garden. 1055 Trumbull Avenue, lepetitzincdetroit.com.

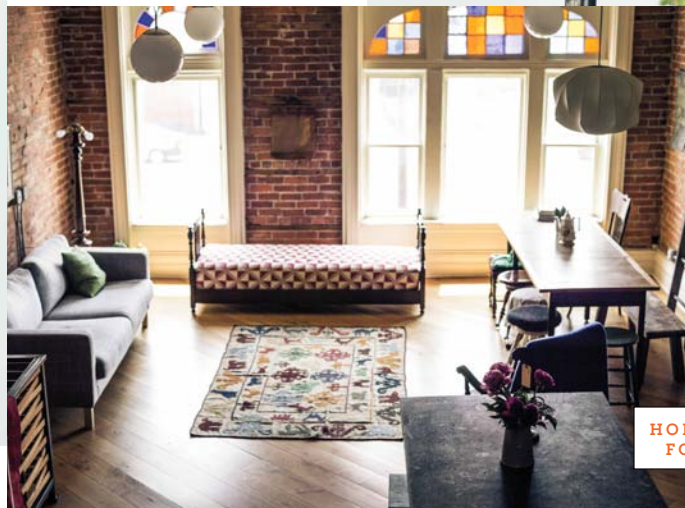
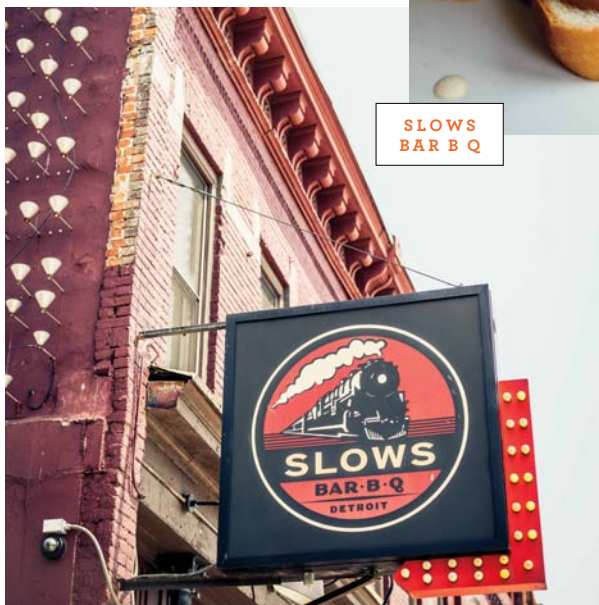
JOHN K. KING USED & RARE BOOKS

Explore four sprawling floors packed to the rafters with stacks of collectible books. 901 West Lafayette Boulevard, rarebooklink.com.

TRAVEL 411 Corktown is a 10-minute walk from downtown and a 30-minute cab ride from the airport.



SLOWS
BAR B Q



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SLOWS BAR B Q
The ribs, brisket, and other smoky fare are stellar, and the patio overlooks Corktown's most photographed landmark: the city's famously beautiful (and long-abandoned) Beaux Arts train station. *2138 Michigan Avenue, slowsbarbq.com.*

HONOR & FOLLY
The inn, housed in a two-bedroom apartment, is small in scale, but its furnishings, sourced from Midwest-based artisans and designers, make a big statement. *From \$165 per night, 2132 Michigan Avenue, honorandfolly.com.*

SUGAR HOUSE
The suspenders-wearing bartenders sling sophisticated cocktails, and the appetizer menu includes salmon smoked by a waiter. *2130 Michigan Avenue, sugarhouse detroit.com.*

HELLO RECORDS
Rifle through bins full of jazz, soul, funk, rock, and—of course—old-school Motown classics. *1459 Bagley Street, hellorecords detroit.com.*

RACHEL'S PLACE
Proprietor Rachel Leggs will help you navigate the vast selection of vintage frocks, bringing the prettiest pieces straight to your dressing room. *2124 Pine Street, 313-964-9008.*



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