



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](http://mudgiesdeli.com).

### GREEN DOT STABLES

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](http://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](http://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](http://lepetitzincdetroit.com).

### JOHN K. KING USED & RARE BOOKS

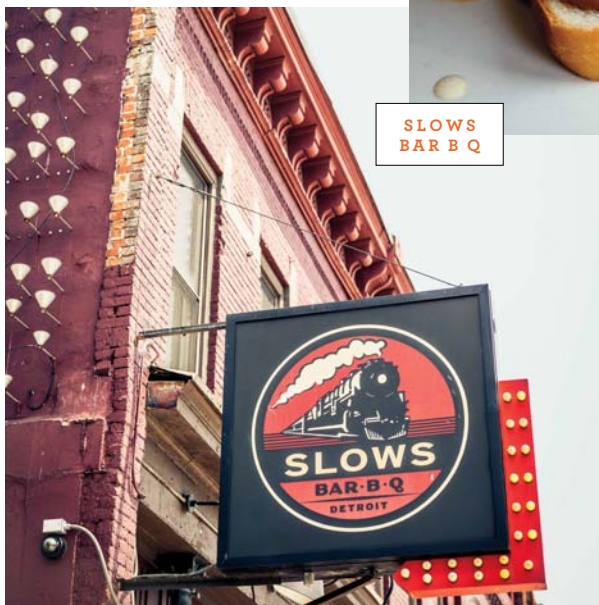
Explore four sprawling floors packed to the rafters with stacks of collectible books. 901 West Lafayette Boulevard, [rarebooklink.com](http://rarebooklink.com).



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



SLOWS  
BAR B Q



HONOR &  
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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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