

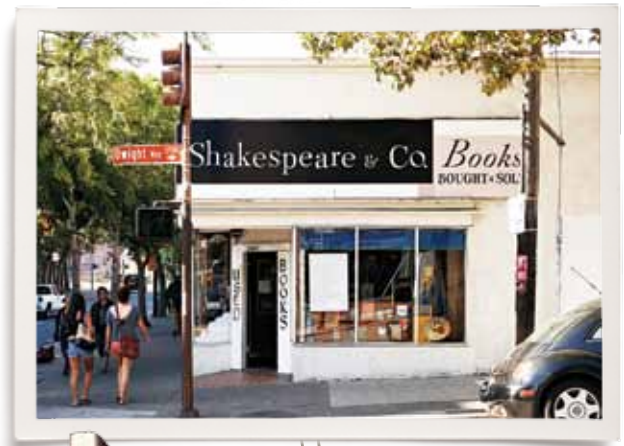


MICHAEL CHABON'S TELEGRAPH AVENUE



» Pulitzer Prize-winning author and longtime Berkeley resident Michael Chabon's soulful new novel, *Telegraph Avenue* (HarperCollins, \$28)—about, among many things, two friends struggling to save their record store—looks at race and class in urban America. Set in **Berkeley** and **Oakland**, the book pulses with longing for the way things ought to be and is inspired in part by Chabon's own neighborhood, celebrating “shared space where people from different backgrounds can be united, at least for a little while, in their passion for something small and good.” Chabon's picks reflect that spirit.

—AS TOLD TO NICKI RICHESIN



5 “My family’s favorite restaurant is **Pizzaiole**. We usually go for two pizzas—one Margherita for the younger kids, something more refined (say, with nettles and an unpronounceable Italian cheese) for everybody else.”



8 / 9 “For a romantic date night with my wife [novelist Ayelet Waldman], we dig **Plum and Flora** (shown).”

10 “I’ve seen a lot of terrific shows at the **Fox**, including the *Decemberists* twice.”

1 / 2 “I generally find something amazing in **Moe’s** rare-books room; usually I’m looking for mid-20th-century small-press science fiction and fantasy. **Shakespeare & Co.** offers cheaper (but equally genuine) thrills.”

4 “Auctions scare me, so I just look at **Clars Auction Gallery**. They had some weird old astronomical/optical equipment once that I thought was pretty awesome.”

6 “**Burma Superstar** creates bizarre and astonishing salads—little seeds and crispy fried beans and shredded that and chopped that. It comes disassembled like the inventory of a wizard’s first-aid kit, then gets mixed in front of you.”



3 / 7 “I like to browse at **Amoeba Music** and **1-2-3-4 Go Records**. Vinyl records are still part of my daily life, and I listen while I work. Two tunes I love from the novel: ‘Groovin’ with Mr. G’ by Richard Holmes and ‘September 13’ by Deodato.”