



## ELENA SLAWINSKA IS BEST KIND.

Elena Slawinska was born in Genoa, Italy. She studied Ancient Greek and Latin and graduated with a MSc in Architecture and Planning. She moved to New York in 2002, learned English, and had a successful career as an urban planner. In 2009 she met her dashing husband-to-be, Michael, and they came to the island of Newfoundland where Elena ceased being an urban planner. After turning a baby grand piano into a grand desk—hoping to convert words into music—she started to write. In English.

**JOHN ROBINSON BLACKMORE:** What is one thing you want to experience before death?

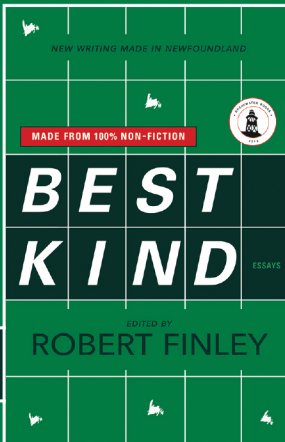
Publish a book or fly on a trapeze or make a will or coin a word or watch a caterpillar turn into a butterfly or...Oh! Sorry, you said one...

**DANIELLE DEVEREAUX:** Where's your favorite place to write?

My blue notebook on my piano desk. Words arranging themselves like notes on a staff.

**HEIDI WICKS:** Do you feel an obligation to stick to cold, hard facts when writing non-fiction, or do you feel it's okay to stretch the truth for the love of storytelling?

I never lie when writing non-fiction but I think there are many ways to tell the same fact. Some are hard and cold, some can be softer and warmer. I always go for the warmth. I'm Italian.



**best kind** *adjective (Nfld)* excellent, a superlative state of being.

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