



## JOHN ROBINSON BLACKMORE IS BEST KIND.

John Robinson Blackmore is a townie who has lived on both sides of the island. He took a hiatus from his undergraduate program to work as a French Aide at St. Theresa's Elementary. Subsequently, he travelled twice to India, spending most of his time living at an ashram in Tamil Nadu. He's also spent time in California, Utah, and Saint-Pierre. His short story "Lub Dub Funk" won a Newfoundland and Labrador Arts and Letters Award for fiction in 2018.

**ELENA SLAWINSKA:** What unique perspective do you think you might have, as a writer, because you live in Newfoundland?

It's built into our culture that some of us will leave for months at a time to fish, and/or to visit far off places. Regardless of the times, it's skills we learn here at home that aid us as we navigate through the world. I'm grateful to be able to sit in rooms with writers of immense talent, who willingly share their craft—fostering me for when I leave to fish.

**BRIDGET CANNING:** If you're writing in a particular form, do you read that form or mix it up?

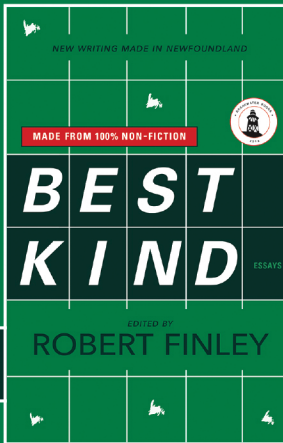
I enjoy having a novel on the go no matter what the circumstances, however slowly I digest it. I don't read exclusively one form while writing in it, but I will certainly take a look at a few essays, short stories, or whatever it is!

**AMY DONOVAN:** What gets you through the tedious editing process? Snacks, long walks on the beach, soap operas...?

I have no complaints about the editing process for this *Best Kind* essay. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Rob. He shared an excitement for when words or punctuation clicked into place, and didn't tire no matter how many minutes we spent pondering a grammatical nuance, word choice, or stylistic decision. If some people were to read our email exchange, or eavesdropped on our editing conversations, they might think that we're insane for spending so much time on little marks of ink. Maybe they'd be right.

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

The cover and back-cover design of *Best Kind* are an homage to the former Newfoundland Margarine Company.



ISBN 978-1-55081-716-4 | \$19.95

YOUR BOOKS ARE HERE | [WWW.BREAKWATERBOOKS.COM](http://WWW.BREAKWATERBOOKS.COM)

