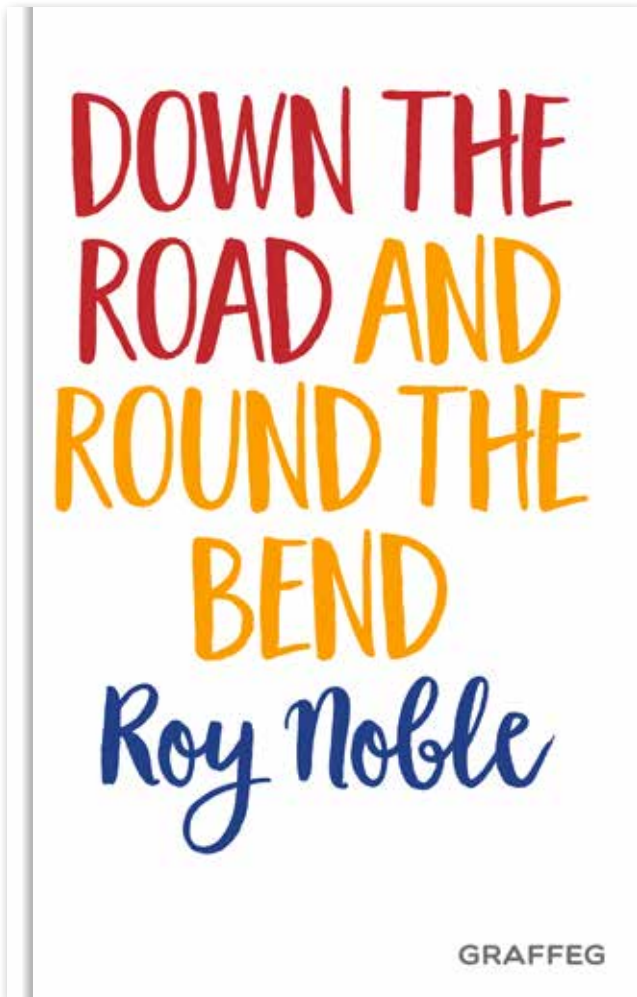


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## Five extracts from 20 short stories

### 1. Banwen

It is said that the world is divided into two kinds of people, those that do....and those that get the credit for it.

I would say that the world is divided into three kinds of people. Those that make things happen, those that watch things happen and those who ask, 'What's happening then?'

### 2. Spiritual Uplift

Would we have won at Waterloo if Napoleon had not had hemorrhoids? Now there's a question that threw me when I first heard it...

### 3. Llanwonno in Natal

'They weren't singing, we were!' was the telephoned response to my piece of radio programme information in 2004 that the film 'Zulu' starring Stanley Baker and Michael Cain was forty years old. My intrigue covered the quandry as to who was not singing, and why, and who exactly was singing and for what reason.

### 4. The Spirit of Penderyn

You'll feel it if you sit in the corner seat. That's what's believed anyway. It's the seat with a high back, near the fire, but, ignoring the flames, the cold will gradually set out to get you. That's where the soldier sits. in the far corner of the pub, the Red Lion...

### 5. The Rhigos Ridge

Time is an interlinked trinity. Foresight, insight and hindsight. How can you ever have the foresight of knowing where you are going, without having the insight of assessing where you are and appreciating the hindsight of what has moulded you as a person, in being, in memory and in self?