

# Ottessa Moshfegh

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Running, Book, Reality, Love Life, Giving, Interesting, Country, Animal, Focus,  
Attitude, Apartment*

I was the first person in my family born in the United States. My mom is from Croatia, and my dad is from Iran. They met at music school in Belgium. I grew up as a pianist.

~Otessa Moshfegh

I love art because I feel that it's evidence of the great shared universal power. I like art that feels real, that cuts the bullshit.

~Otessa Moshfegh

I've always really enjoyed sharing my work with others. I find it really hard if I don't think the work will exist outside of my own apartment.

~Otessa Moshfegh

If you look at the horror genre, that work is all about making people uncomfortable by stimulating our fear of death.

~Otessa Moshfegh

I had to brainwash myself, like what I was doing was going to be really, really good, and then just accept whatever happened.

~Otessa Moshfegh

I was really interested in piano and sort of discovered that I was a writer when I was about 13 and started writing. And it was my secret thing and my passion.

~Otessa Moshfegh

You can't be a free spirit in a place that feels like it was built on lockdown.

~Otessa Moshfegh

For me writing isn't a mental exercise, it's barely even a literary exercise, it feels like a spiritual experience.

~Otessa Moshfegh

I hope that I'm the kind of person who would step in between somebody holding a gun at somebody else. I would like to be that stupid. I'd like to be that in love with life.

~Otessa Moshfegh

I don't like talking too much about my personal life, but it all goes into my work.

~Otessa Moshfegh

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