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Jeffrey Eugenides, one of the judges for the prize, writes says, "The narrator of 'Bettering Myself' is a problem drinker and Catholic school math teacher who says to her students, 'Most people have had anal sex. Don't look so surprised.' There's a deadpan humor to many of Moshfegh's utterances. A little Henny Youngman in there, trying to break out. But also something a whole lot sadder."

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Ottessa Moshfegh is a fiction writer living in California. Her short stories have appeared in Fence, Noon, Unsaid, VICE, and The Paris Review. She is a recipient of the Plimpton Prize and will be a Wallace Stegner fellow in the fall.

About the Guest Editor:

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