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"We do not live only with clear-cut forms; rather, we exist in a world of forms that are often indistinct and vague." —**Takashi Sugimoto**, architect and James Beard Award winning author

About the Author

Architect **Takashi Sugimoto**, born in Tokyo in 1945, studied metal sculpture before graduating from the Crafts Course of the Faculty of Fine Arts of Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music in 1968. He founded Super Potato in 1973 and became a professor at the Musashino University of Fine Arts in 1992. He received the Mainichi Design Award in 1985 and 1986, as well as the Interior Design Association Award in 1992.

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