

OED	<p><i>n.</i> a kind of decorative painting or sculpture, consisting of representations of portions of human and animal forms, fantastically combined and interwoven with foliage and flowers</p> <p><i>adj.</i> characterized by distortion or unnatural combinations; fantastically extravagant; bizarre, or quaint; ludicrous from incongruity; fantastically absurd.</p>
Merriam Webster	<p><i>n.</i> a style of decorative art characterized by fanciful or fantastic human and animal forms often interwoven with foliage or similar figures that may distort the natural into absurdity, ugliness, or caricature</p> <p><i>adj.</i> fanciful, bizarre; absurdly incongruous; departing markedly from the natural, the expected, or the typical</p>
Dictionary.com	<p><i>n.</i> any grotesque object, design, person, or thing</p> <p><i>adj.</i> odd or unnatural in shape, appearance or character; fantastically ugly or absurd; bizarre; fantastic in shaping and combination of forms, as in decorative work combining incongruous human and animal figures with scrolls, foliage, etc.</p>
Urban Dictionary	<p>A. Beautifully ugly. Grotesque is a word commonly known as something that could mean odd, distorted, ugly or repulsive. At the same time, though, it could also mean bizarre or so shocking and horrible it could be fantastic. And though rarely thought of this was in English language, it could mean both beautiful and ugly at the same time.¹</p> <p>B. Something that is so vile and disgusting that any other word cannot describe it. Just saying 'gross' is not enough when something is grotesque. An example of something that is grotesque would be scat porn with midgets and fat people. Or a violently deformed animal that drools and has visibly obvious diseases. When you see something that is so repulsive that you can't think of a word to describe it, the word 'grotesque' is appropriate.²</p>
Bakhtin, Rabelais	Exaggeration, hyperbolism, excessiveness are generally considered fundamental attributes of the grotesque style. ³

exosus: detested, the detested one || *ex ossus*: from/out of bone, without bone

¹ JJYY27. 'grotesque'. Urban Dictionary. August 2009. <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Grotesque>

² oztrayleah. 'Grotesque'. Urban Dictionary. September 2012. <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Grotesque>.

³ Bakhtin, *Rabelais and His World*, 303.