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**Suggested Readings**

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Simon Louvish, *Stan and Ollie, The Roots of Comedy: The Double Life of Laurel and Hardy* (New York: St. Martin's, 2002).

John McCabe, *Babe: The Life of Oliver Hardy* (New York: Carol, 1989).

Glenn Mitchell, *The Laurel and Hardy Encyclopedia* (London: Batsford, 1995).

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Oliver Hardy, Genius of Comedy Marker, Erected by Georgia Historical Society <http://georgiahistory.com/markers/64>

The Milledgeville Hotel and Oliver Hardy Marker, Erected by Georgia Historical Society <http://georgiahistory.com/markers/100>

Official Laurel and Hardy Webpage: <http://www.laurel-and-hardy.com/>

The Laurel and Hardy Museum, Harlem, Georgia: <http://webpages.charter.net/thebrain/>

The Laurel and Hardy Magazine: <http://www.laurelandhardy.org/>

The International Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society: <http://www.sotd.org/>

Oliver Hardy Festival: <http://www.harlemga.org/ohfest.htm>

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Oliver Hardy as a baby  
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Festival crowd  
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Hal Roach with Laurel and Hardy  
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Laurel and Hardy USO visit

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Oliver Hardy as infant

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Oliver Hardy at 10 months

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Oliver Hardy as a child

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Oliver Hardy with water tower

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