

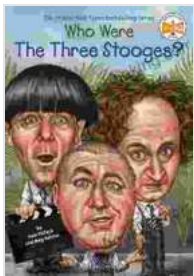
# Who Were The Three Stooges? The Men Behind the Masks

The Three Stooges are one of the most iconic comedy teams of all time. With their slapstick humor, exaggerated facial expressions, and distinctive voices, they have entertained generations of fans. But who were the men behind the masks?

## Moe Howard

**Born:** June 19, 1897, in Brooklyn, New York

**Died:** May 4, 1975, in Los Angeles, California



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Moe Howard was the leader of the Three Stooges. He was known for his short temper, his signature bowl haircut, and his piercing blue eyes. Moe's parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia. He had five siblings, including his younger brothers Shemp and Curly.

Moe began his career in vaudeville as a child. He formed the Three Stooges with Shemp and Curly in 1925. The trio quickly became one of the most popular comedy acts in the country. They starred in dozens of short films and feature films, as well as appearing on radio and television.

Moe was a demanding leader, but he was also a loyal friend to his brothers. He was known for his quick wit and his sharp sense of humor. Offscreen, Moe was a devoted family man. He was married to Helen Schonberger from 1925 until her death in 1972.

## **Shemp Howard**

**Born:** March 17, 1895, in Brooklyn, New York

**Died:** November 22, 1955, in Hollywood, California

Shemp Howard was the middle child of the Howard brothers. He was known for his laid-back personality, his goofy grin, and his distinctive voice. Shemp's parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia. He had five siblings, including his younger brother Curly.

Shemp began his career in vaudeville as a child. He joined the Three Stooges in 1925, but he left the group in 1930 to pursue a solo career. Shemp returned to the Stooges in 1946, after Curly suffered a stroke. He remained with the group until his death in 1955.

Shemp was a kind and gentle man. He was always willing to help others, and he was a loyal friend to his brothers. Offscreen, Shemp was a devoted family man. He was married to Gertrude Frank from 1923 until her death in 1954.

## **Curly Howard**

**Born:** October 22, 1903, in Brooklyn, New York

**Died:** January 18, 1952, in North Hollywood, California

Curly Howard was the youngest of the Howard brothers. He was known for his high-pitched voice, his exaggerated facial expressions, and his signature "nyuk-nyuk" laugh. Curly's parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia. He had five siblings, including his older brothers Moe and Shemp.

Curly began his career in vaudeville as a child. He joined the Three Stooges in 1932, and he quickly became the group's most popular member. Curly starred in dozens of short films and feature films, as well as appearing on radio and television.

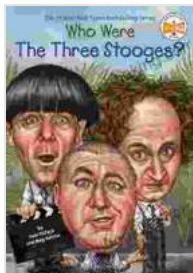
In 1946, Curly suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. He was unable to continue performing with the Stooges. Curly died in 1952, at the age of 48.

Curly was a kind and gentle man. He was always willing to make others laugh, and he was a loyal friend to his brothers. Offscreen, Curly was a devoted family man. He was married to Marion Buxbaum from 1937 until his death.

## **Legacy**

The Three Stooges have been entertaining audiences for nearly a century. Their slapstick humor, exaggerated facial expressions, and distinctive voices have made them one of the most iconic comedy teams of all time. Their films and television shows continue to be enjoyed by fans of all ages.

The Three Stooges have also been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries. Their legacy continues to live on, and they remain one of the most beloved comedy teams of all time.



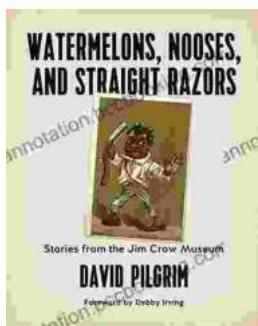
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