

**“The Whole Thing Smacks of Effort, Man”: The Emergence & Presence of *The Simpsons*  
in Academic Literature**  
**A Selected Bibliography of Research Resources**  
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