Theodore Roosevelt - History of the Teddy Bear - Good Housekeeping
The year was 1905 and President Theodore Teddy Roosevelt was living. Despite popular belief, the President then instructed the men to kill political cartoonist, Clifford Berryman, who illustrated the moment for the paper. The Teddy Bear Men: Theodore Roosevelt and Clifford Berryman by. 15 Nov 2017. Teddy bear history begins with a hunting trip, a U.S. president, and one fateful. Wikimedia CommonsThe political cartoon by Clifford Berryman that inspired the teddy bear. President Theodore Roosevelt was a big game hunter. As Berryman's cartoon came out, a man named Morris Michtom got an idea.
A teddy bear is a soft toy in the form of a bear. Developed apparently simultaneously by toymakers Morris Michtom in the U.S. and Richard Steiff in Germany in the early years of the 20th century, and named after President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, the teddy bear became an iconic children's toy, celebrated in story, song, and film. Since the creation of the first teddy bears which sought to imitate the form of real bear cubs, "teddies" have greatly varied in form, style, color, and material. They ("Teddy's bear" became a buzz phrase.) But Roosevelt who passed away on January 6, 1919 certainly had a much more storied life than influencing the stuffed animal industry. Here are some things you might not have known about the dedicated environmentalist who had a fondness for skinny-dipping, on the 100th anniversary of his death. 

1. He went from wimp to warrior. Born on October 27, 1858, Roosevelt—often called "Teedie" or "Teddy" by friends—was a frail kid, prone to illness, asthma, and lacking physical strength. Despite his modest build, he was an avid outdoors enthusiast, an environmental activist, and a dedicated conservationist. 

Just like George Washington and the cherry tree, Theodore Roosevelt's bear hunting story is somewhat of a political legend. If it's been a while since your last U.S. history class, here's a quick recap: The year was 1905 and President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt was living up to his reputation as a cowboy. Despite popular belief, the President then instructed the men to kill the animal to put it out of its misery. (Yeah, they left that out of all of the kids' books.) While this may not read as noble today, Teddy's act caught the attention of a Washington Post political cartoonist, Clifford Berryman, who illustrated the moment for the paper.