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 Commons. The 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.
Retrace the beginnings of the teddy bear and see and learn about the collectibles and cartoons of President Theodore Roosevelt and Clifford Berryman as they relate to the teddy bear. Discover how President Roosevelt saved a little bruin's life and started a teddy bear craze and how cartoonist Clifford Berryman helped the cuddly creature achieve his present day status of The Teddy Bear. ...more. Teddy Roosevelt is involved â€” but the backstory may bring more tears than warm fuzzies. 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.