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Teddy bears have been a part of our lives for over a century, and they continue to be one of the most popular toys in the world. But where did teddy bears come from, and how have they evolved over the years? In this article, we'll take a journey through the history of teddy bears, from their humble beginnings to their modern-day incarnations.

The Birth of Teddy Bears

The first teddy bear was created in 1902 by Morris Michtom, a Russian immigrant living in Brooklyn, New York. Michtom was inspired to create the bear after reading a newspaper article about President Theodore Roosevelt's encounter with a black bear during a hunting trip. Roosevelt had refused to shoot the bear, and the story made him a national hero.

Michtom named his bear after Roosevelt, and the Teddy Bear quickly became a hit. By 1906, Michtom had sold over 10,000 Teddy Bears, and the toy had become a worldwide phenomenon.

The Rise of Stuffed Animals

In the early 1900s, teddy bears were just one of many different types of stuffed animals that were becoming popular. Other popular stuffed animals included rabbits, dogs, cats, and elephants. Stuffed animals were often made of plush fabric, and they were often filled with sawdust or straw.

Stuffed animals quickly became a popular way for children to learn about the world around them. They could use stuffed animals to pretend to be different animals, and they could use them to learn about different cultures.

Teddy Bears in the 20th Century

Teddy bears continued to be popular throughout the 20th century. They were featured in movies, television shows, and books. Teddy bears also became a popular collector's item, and some rare teddy bears can sell for thousands of dollars.

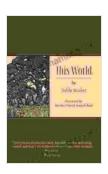
During the 20th century, teddy bears also underwent some changes. They began to be made with different materials, such as synthetic fur and plastic. They also began to be designed with more realistic features, such as jointed limbs and movable eyes.

Teddy Bears in the 21st Century

Teddy bears continue to be popular in the 21st century. They are still one of the most popular toys in the world, and they are often used in educational and therapeutic settings.

Teddy bears have come a long way since their humble beginnings in 1902. They have evolved from simple stuffed animals into complex and beloved toys. Teddy bears are a part of our cultural heritage, and they will likely continue to be popular for many years to come.

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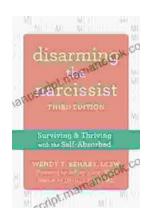
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