

Doll of the
Month

Shirley Temple
“The Littlest Rebel”



Peter Bull



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Home Sweet Home

In recent months, many people around the world have sought the refuge and comfort of home. The Internet has become an lifeline for businesses, schools, museums, and families. Suddenly, everyone is home schooling! The resources that have and are being created and utilized are simply amazing! Museums around the world have opened their galleries for virtual tours, artifacts are being shared digitally, training sessions and meetings are happening on Zoom and Facebook. The world at your fingertips!

Harris-Kearney
House, the home of
the Westport
Historical Society
and the Time
Travelers

Bringer of Comfort

For the last 118 years, people of all ages have found comfort, love, and companionship in a cuddly, warm companion known as the teddy bear. In 1902, the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt went on a bear hunt in Mississippi. The organizers of the hunt arranged for a

bear to be tied up ready for President Roosevelt to shoot it. He refused believing to do so was terribly unsportsmanlike. A cartoonist captured an image of the incident.

Inspired by the cartoon, Morris Michtom and his wife created plush, stuffed versions of the bear and placed them in their shop window in New York. With the permission of Roosevelt, the bears became known as “Teddy’s Bear” and teddy bears. They were an instant hit. Even Roosevelt used them as a mascot for his political campaign.

Teddies have become a source of comfort for people of all ages. They help with patients recovering from open-heart surgery and accompany those facing frightening medical procedures, traumatic accidents, or the loss of someone.

The late British actor, Peter Bull, became an avid collector of teddy bears, as an adult. His childhood companion had been given away by his mother while he was at boarding school. He became known for his “hug” (a group of teddy bears) and the famous 4” Steiff teddy, “Theodore,” who traveled in the actor’s pocket, even when Bull was acting. Imagine the stories Theodore can tell of the people he’s met and places he’s seen!



Read More About It

[Theodore Roosevelt for Kids: His Life and Times, 21 Activities](#) by Kerrie Logan Hollihan

[The Ultimate Teddy Bear Book](#) by Pauline Cockrell

[The Legend of the Teddy Bear](#) by Frank Murphy and Gijbert van Frankenhuyzen

[Hug of Teddy Bears](#) by Peter Bull

[The Mournful Teddy](#) by John J. Lamb

[Shirley Temple: American Princess](#) by Anne Edwards

[Child Star: An Autobiography](#) by Shirley Temple Black

[The Little Girl Who Fought the Great Depression: Shirley Temple and 1930s America](#) by John F. Kasson



Peter Bull’s Theodore

Famous Fur Companions

One of the most beloved of bears 'round the world was created by English author, A.A. Milne and his friend and illustrator, E.H. Shepard. "This is Edward Bear. Coming downstairs now. Bump! Bump! Bump on the back of his head." Do you recognize him?



Perhaps you know him better by the name Milne's son, Christopher Robin gave him - *Winnie the Pooh*. Christopher was mistreated by his classmates because of the famous stories in which he and his fur companions appeared.

Although Christopher Milne came to dislike his companions in the 100 Acre Wood, people around the world have embraced them. The books, recordings, movies, and images of Pooh and his friends have enchanted people for decades.



Paddington Bear is also a character created by a British author, Michael Bond.

Even his tag lets you know he is in search of a home and someone to love. Paddington is from Peru and was adopted by the Brown family who found him in the Paddington Station in London.



Peter Bull had another cuddly companion who became an actor as well, The bear was named

Delicatessen, after his original owner. When the director of the mini-series, *Brideshead Revisited* was seeking a bear to play **Aloysius**, the teddy bear of Lord Sebastian Flyte, Delicatessen won the role.

Aloysius was a primary character and a constant companion of Sebastian. He attended Oxford University and even accompanied Sebastian on his drinking excursions to local pubs, riding on Sebastian's hip. What a well-educated and cultured companion.



Today Aloysius/Delicatessen lives the retired life in Oxford, England.

As Pooh will remind you, bears often have the “rumblies.” Here’s the perfect quarantine treat for you to share with her furry confidant and comforting companion.

Hibernation Honey Cakes

1/2 cup honey
 1 egg
 3/4 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup dark molasses
 3 cups sifted enriched flour
 1 1/4 teaspoons nutmeg
 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon cloves
 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup chopped mixed candied
 fruits and peels
 1/2 cup slivered blanched almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg, add brown sugar and beat again until fluffy. Stir in the honey and molasses. Sift together dry ingredients and add to first mixture. Mix well until smooth. Stir in fruits, peels and nuts. Chill overnight. Roll 1/4 inch thick on floured surface. Cut into rectangles 3 1/2” X 2”. Bake on a greased cookie sheet for 12 minutes. Cool before removing.
 Makes 2 dozen.



Time Traveler Packs

The Westport Historical Society will be providing packs for Time Travelers to use in exploring historical events, people, and artifacts. They will include stuff like copies of documents, pictures of artifacts and people, and activities for hands-on-learning complete with some supplies you might not have on hand.

The packs will be available for purchase and pick-up at the Harris-Kearney House. Watch the Westport Historical Society website for information.

The Westport Historical Society has cancelled all programs, events, and exhibits for the remainder of 2020 due to concerns over the Covid-19 virus. The Time Travelers will not meet until April 2021. The Society will be offering virtual tours and programs from the website so keep watching as experiences are added.

Symbol of Hope

America's Little Princess - Shirley Temple

People say these are “uncertain times”. Summer camps, playdates, and birthday parties have been cancelled. Libraries and museums are closed, offering tours and programs via the Internet. Everyone seems to be searching for answers, reassurance, and an idea what life will be like.

The world has faced times like this before. The most recent being during the Great Depression in the 1930s. People around the world were searching for hope, happiness, and a new life. During this era of sadness, a ray of optimism emerged in the form of a little girl. She became a symbol of hope who lifted the spirits of everyone who saw her. Her name was Shirley Temple.



She quickly became a box office sensation with 9/10s of the world able to recognize her on sight. Shirley is credited with single-handedly lifting the spirits of the entire United States and she was only five years old!

Shirley could sing, dance and act with the best of them having started her career at the age of three. Her dance numbers with Bill “Bojangles” Robinson are legendary. She was known for her sparkling eyes, dimples, and fifty-six blonde curls,

Her characters often changed the lives of the those around her. Cold-hearted figures became warm and friendly. Estranged families were reunited. People came together to love and protect the often orphaned Shirley.

President Franklin Roosevelt said, “It is a splendid thing that for just fifteen cents, an American can go to a movie and look at the smiling face of a baby and forget his troubles.” (She actually made more money than the President of the United States.) Between the ages of 3 and 10, she made 29 films but only 14 films between the ages of 14 and 21. She retired in 1950 at the age of 22 and passed away at the age of 85 in 2014.

Shirley’s films and dolls that depict her likeness are still popular today. She was the star of the March 2020 Virtual Doll Convention just as the world began quarantine and was again she emerged as a symbol of hope and happiness, spreading her optimism and lifting spirits everywhere.

Teachers are circulating a “Flat Stanley” version of Shirley for students to cut out and then photograph her in various settings and in the midst of new adventures. In that spirit, a picture of Shirley Temple is on the next page so she can bring her very special magic to your life and lift your spirits!



Print out Shirley on yardstick and cut her out. Photograph your paper doll version of Shirley lifting your spirits and sharing your adventures.



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