

Best Potty Training Books

You and your child are about to reach a major milestone together: It's time to start potty training.

Although every child reaches this milestone at their own pace, most toddlers are ready to try ditching the diapers sometime between 2 and 3 1/2 years old. Signs that your child is ready to be potty trained include more regular bowel movements, telling you when they're peeing or pooping and asking for their dirty diapers to be changed.

Talking about using the bathroom and playing up the positives ("Wearing underwear is exciting!") may help your little one embrace this big transition. Books can also help you get the conversation started, teach your toddler the basics and get him excited about the idea of trying the potty on his own.

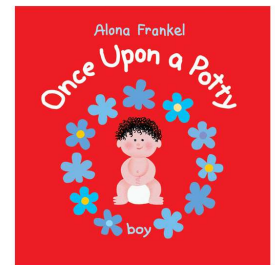
Best of all, there's a pick out there for every family. Here's a look at our favorite potty training books, from multi-generational classics to push-the-button sound books.

Best Classic Potty Training Book

'Once Upon a Potty' by Alona Frankel

Why We Love It

Written in 1975, this clear and simple book has been a favorite among parents and toddlers for decades. There are versions for boys and girls, each with age-appropriate anatomical descriptions. The simple illustrations show everything, too, even the poop.

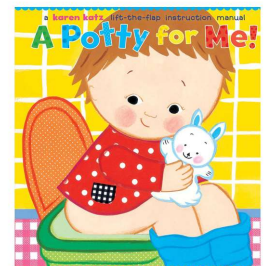


Best Lift-the-Flap Potty Training Book

'A Potty For Me' by Karen Katz

Why We Love It

Fold-out flaps, fun rhymes and bright illustrations make this beloved book extra inviting for little readers. The story walks tots through a day in the life of a toddler who's working on using the potty — emphasizing that sometimes it can take a few tries to get the hang of things.

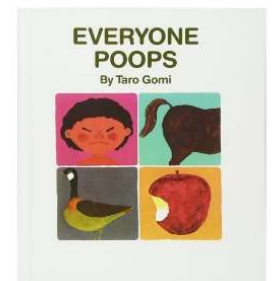


Best Potty Training Book About Poop

'Everyone Poops' by Taro Gomi

Why We Love It

Bowel movements on the toilet can be a big deal for some toddlers. But sometimes, a little solidarity can go a long way. This hilarious book helps little ones understand the basics of digestion, and more importantly, reminds them that *everybody* poops — even animals.



Best Interactive Potty Training Book

'Potty Time With Elmo' by Kelli Kaufmann

Why We Love It

Elmo's doll, Baby David, is learning how to use the potty just like Elmo. Fun flushing and washing sounds (among others — there are seven total!) bring their journey to life and make the story even more exciting for toddlers.

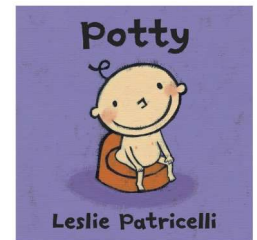


Best Call & Response Potty Training Book

'Potty' by Leslie Patricelli

Why We Love It

With simple language and bright illustrations, little readers will delight in following the main character's inner dialogue (*Should I go in my diaper? Should I go in the litter box? Should I go to the potty?*) and shouting out the answers as you read together.

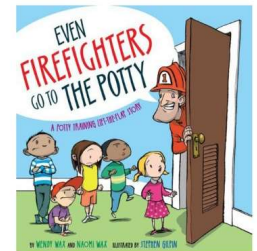


Best Motivational Potty Training Book

'Even Firefighters Go to the Potty' by Wendy Wax

Why We Love It

Here's a fun potty training book to remind your toddler that she's not the only one who uses the toilet. Everyday heroes like firefighters and doctors do it, too.

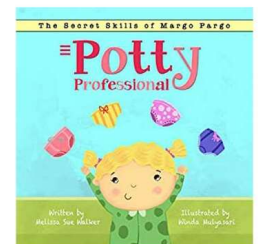


Best Potty Training Books for Skeptics

'Potty Professional' by Melissa Sue Walker

Why We Love It

Have a tot who's a little unsure about the whole potty thing? When the toddler in this book overhears her mom say that she's too little to use the potty, she aims to set the record straight. The motivational story just might encourage your little one to do the same.



Best Potty Training Book for You

'Diapers Are Not Forever' by Elizabeth Verdick

Why We Love It

Straightforward but still reassuring, [this book](#) walks toddlers through the steps that big kids take to use the potty — go, wipe, flush and wash their hands. Parents will also appreciate the advice for caregivers about how to help your little one succeed.

