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Once Upon A Potty -- Girl



Synopsis

The all-time favorite, now in a sturdy board book. There are 28.9 million children under the age of 5 in the U.S. and all of them will need to be toilet trained. This classic book has already helped millions of parents get their children through a life milestone with ease and some entertainment too. With *Once Upon a Potty*, a parent reads the book to their child or allows the child to read it while on the potty. Not surprisingly, the book takes some wear. This new board book edition will withstand such heavy use and survive the occasional water spill too. This is THE potty training book. It has it all, bright graphics, simple language, fun story and an anatomically correct hero. With an edition for each gender, the book relates directly to the child, making the potty-training process relatable and easy to understand.

Book Information

Series: *Once Upon a Potty*

Board book: 24 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

Goodness gracious. I do wish people would calm down about the terminology used in these books. The author writes a nice little note indicating that she used her preferred terms and encourages parents to CHANGE them to whatever they wish to use when they read the book to their pre-literate children, who won't know the difference. No, I do not say pee pee and wee wee when I read this to my daughter. I use terms I prefer. Likewise, I often change the text in books when I read them to my daughter if I don't care for the text as written for some reason or another. Additionally, my daughter

knows that the chamber pot pictured in the book is a potty, and our "big toilet" is a potty, and the cat's litter box is a "kitty potty" but she doesn't crawl in there or void in my potted plants for that matter....This is a cute little story with sweet pictures and a simple story line. The potty doesn't sing, clap, play music, or hand Prudence a sticker...it just provides her a place to go that might be preferable to her (gasp) cloth diaper. My daughter enjoys the book greatly and will select it (in addition to several other favorite non-potty books) to listen to/look it while she uses her own potty. I personally like that it avoids any implication that if one is a "big" boy or girl that they should potty or that diapers are for babies. There is no mention of Prudence's age or of any timeline relative to how long it takes her to master the potty. It mentions that accidents may happen and there is no suggestion of a good or bad consequence as a result. The book provides a framework without shame or pressure for sweet Prudence and leaves it to the parent(s) to fill in the rest for their child as/if they wish.

I am an early childhood educator, and from my experience as a parent and teacher of two year olds, I must say that this is the definitive potty primer. Once Upon a Potty is the only book/video set which details exactly what a child will go through. It labels body parts as a part of the explanation, which really pulls it together for a small child. I used the "boy" set for my boy, and I'm using the "girl" set for my girl. I've tried other books and videos, and this is the only book and tape that uses language and imagery that is exactly age-appropriate for a two year old. Age-appropriate communication is critical, especially with such an important developmental issue. Newer tapes (Big Blue House) discuss emotions but completely avoid toileting itself, and are therefore useless to a two year old. Grown-ups may complain about two-dimensional pictures or the type of potty depicted, but used with the video (which uses a terrific one-piece potty by Baby-Bjorn) nothing could be more entertaining or communicate more clearly to your young child. If your child is older, (3 and older) I recommend "Winston's Potty Chair", a video by the American Medical Association. The children depicted look like toddlers, but speak like older 3 year olds, and Winston's story is a bit more sophisticated.

"Once Upon a Potty," by Alona Frankel, is a fun book for small children and their caregivers. The book tells the story of Prudence, a little girl who has gotten a new potty, and is learning how to use it. The book is full of bright, friendly illustrations. There are explicit depictions of body parts, urine, and excrement: this enhances the educational value of the book, in my opinion. There are a number of nice touches, like the pretty flower pattern of the mom's dress. Although I have only seen the "girl"

version of the book, I understand there is also a "boy" version. "Once Upon a Potty" is a good book for families going through toilet training, but would also make a nice light-hearted gift for anybody.

Simply put, before this book we had difficulty potty training my 2.5 year old daughter. After a few readings of this book, we had a potty breakthrough! My daughter became more comfortable about the potty and all the bodily functions associated with it. Knowledge is power, even for a 2 year old. They have to know what's what on their body and what goes where. This book is extremely helpful in broaching those subjects with your toddlers. If you think this book is too explicit, then God help you when it comes time to talk about sex when your kids get older.

Best potty training book! Very straightforward about body parts and functions, without being graphic or immature. My 2 1/2 year old requests this book every night at bedtime and she quotes it when she goes potty. Great help for potty training!

My husband and I have no clue as to how to teach potty training to our first child. So, we've spent much money on guides, books, videos, stories, etc. This book (and the video) have made a major breakthrough. My daughter loves the story of Prudence and her potty! With her plethora of videos, she chooses this one to view, and wants to sit on the potty while watching it! Last night (which is why I decided to write a review), my daughter asked to use the potty, and she proceeded to poo. When she was all done, she proudly stood up and announced that she pooped on the potty just like Prudence! Finally we've made a connection!!

We have not started potty training yet (daughter is 17 months), however I got this book to introduce the idea to my child. So funny, she watched me use the toilet and then brought this book to me! So I think she is starting to connect the dots. The author uses the term "wee wee", but encourages parents to use terms that suit them better. The text is OK, the illustrations are better at getting the point across. I thought the "anatomy" page was approachable ("...Ears to hear, a mouth to talk and eat, a pee pee to make wee wee..."). One critique, no one uses an actual pot as a potty, so that illustration could be updated.

I bought this book, knowing it was an award winning book, but was very disappointed. The vocabulary is clumsy, as is the language. It also is a bit strange, and not terribly captivating for my 2 1/2 yr old daughter. The pictures are lovely though....

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