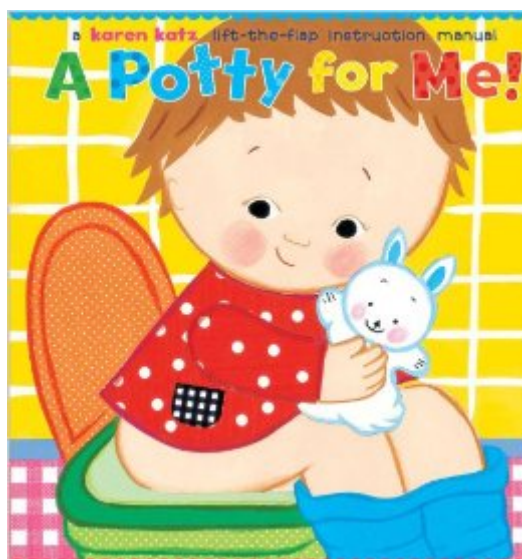


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# A Potty For Me!



## Synopsis

Mommy got me a brand new potty! But I'm not ready yet! I want to run and play. Uh-oh, I peed in my pants. But Mommy says, "That's okay!" Children will love following along and lifting the flaps to see the child play, sit on the potty, eat, sit on the potty, sleep, and then sit on the potty...until finally there is success. Written from a child's point of view, this new potty-training book will help children join in the final refrain, "I'm so proud of me!"

## Book Information

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Age Range: 1 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This is pretty cute...especially if you love Karen Katz illustrations! I took the idea of wrapping our 2 year old's potty chair like a present so she could relate to the beginning of the book :) However, I found a few phrases to contradict the goal...so I change some of the words. Like, instead of saying "this potty's not for me" I say "the potty waits for me" and instead of "I still don't think I can" I say "I wonder if I can" just to take the negative implication out. I understand why she wrote it like that...to embrace the rollercoaster experience of potty training and it IS true. However, I didn't want to take a chance that our head strong daughter would go around saying "the potty's not for me" as it's already her tendency to put up a fight!

I bought this book along with two others for my 18 month old simply to introduce the concept of the

potty to her. The first book I bought was called My First Potty Book and it was pretty bad. The second one I bought was Once Upon a Potty which is excellent, but a little too advanced for my daughter. Then I bought A Potty for Me which was perfect. The pictures are big and colorful and the amount of text on each page is perfect for a short attention spanned little girl, not to mention the story is very sweet and well written. The pacing is just right. It doesn't simply tell you how to use a potty, but goes into the anxiety a child might have as well as the trying and getting it wrong and the practicing and then the trying and getting it right. My daughter asks me to read this book to her over and over again, every night. As for the lift the flap concept, it's not exactly what you would expect. It's more like a page that folds out to another page. Picture a storybook with a centerfold on each page. I guess that's the easiest way of describing it. That little piece of interaction helps keep the little ones' attention. This is an excellent book and I highly recommend it. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

I'm giving this book 3 stars because my daughter has always loved Karen Katz books and this one is no exception. She also shows interest in using the potty after we read it. However, I feel like the book is confusing to her and sends a mixed message because it spends so many pages talking about how the child in the story has no interest in the potty or tries to use the potty unsuccessfully before she finally has success. Once, I realize that those aspects happen in real life but I think it's too much for a 2-year-old to follow along with the concept. She needs a more simple, clear message: sit on the potty, use it, hooray!

This book spends 99% of the story emphasizing how hard it is to use the potty, how I'm not ready yet, how I would rather do anything else...it doesn't give clear instructions to the child about how to use the potty, avoids important words to explain what you are actually supposed to do on the potty. A much better choice is something like Prince of the Potty which makes using the potty seem like a fun experience while giving clear instructions. Also it is NOT an instruction manual. Doesn't give clear instructions at all.

We're "late E.C." training my 12 month old daughter and were looking for a board book about the potty that she wouldn't damage. The pictures in this book are great and she loves to look at them. But 99% of the text is about how the child isn't ready, doesn't think he/she can do it, or about having an accident and how that's "o.k." It's actually so negative that I don't read it to her, we just look at the pictures. It seems to me that when you are training an older child there are more emotional

issues involved so for that group maybe this would be a great buy. But we've only been putting my daughter on the potty for the last 2 weeks and she started going on the second day we tried it. So far she's regularly going twice a day without any emotional tug of war, stickers or "potty dance" of any kind. Sitting on the potty is just a regular part of her routine, like eating snack or bath time. I don't want her to learn that it is any kind of big deal, or has any negative emotions associated with it. I think that "Once upon a Potty" is a much more positive book. But sadly it is fairly wordy so we have to skip a lot. Wish there was a better option.

My son (2 years) has loved this book for months. In fact, our family has memorized it now, we have read it so many times. I like how it written on a child's level and emphasized that the most important part of the whole potty learning process is that the child feel good about his/her accomplishments!

When I bought the book "A Potty for Me!", I wasn't expecting to get an instructional book that would teach my then 2-year old son how to use a potty. My son and I liked Katz's lift-the-flap book "Where is Baby's Bellybutton?", and thought that this would also be a fun lift-the-flap book to which my son could relate. This wasn't at all. I would not recommend it for the following reasons: First, it's not a lift-the-flap. The pages are more like centerfolds. The pages can get creased and overlap into each other if you don't close the page before moving on to the next one. Very annoying. It's better off being just a regular book. Second, from the cover, it looks like the book is gender neutral. But it's not. It's a "pee-pee" book. Doesn't mention "poo-poo." It could relate better to a girl, who pees sitting down, than to a boy. Third, it has bad grammar. I know kids sometimes interchange "me" and "I". It's cute, but why reinforce wrong usage in a book. Baby sitters read to my kids too. I'm sure they know about the incorrect grammar. But still I pasted an "I" over the "me," as they might read the book verbatim. Fourth, it's too wordy. There I five to six pages of drawings. And multiply that by 2 to include the "flaps." First three pages are introduction. Last two are the "main event" and the child congratulating herself. In between are 5 or so boring pages. Though the drawings are colorful, and I did try to make the story more interesting, my second child, a little girl, just breezed through it. She tore a page, I taped it up, and put it on the top shelf. "A Potty for Me!" is not for us.

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