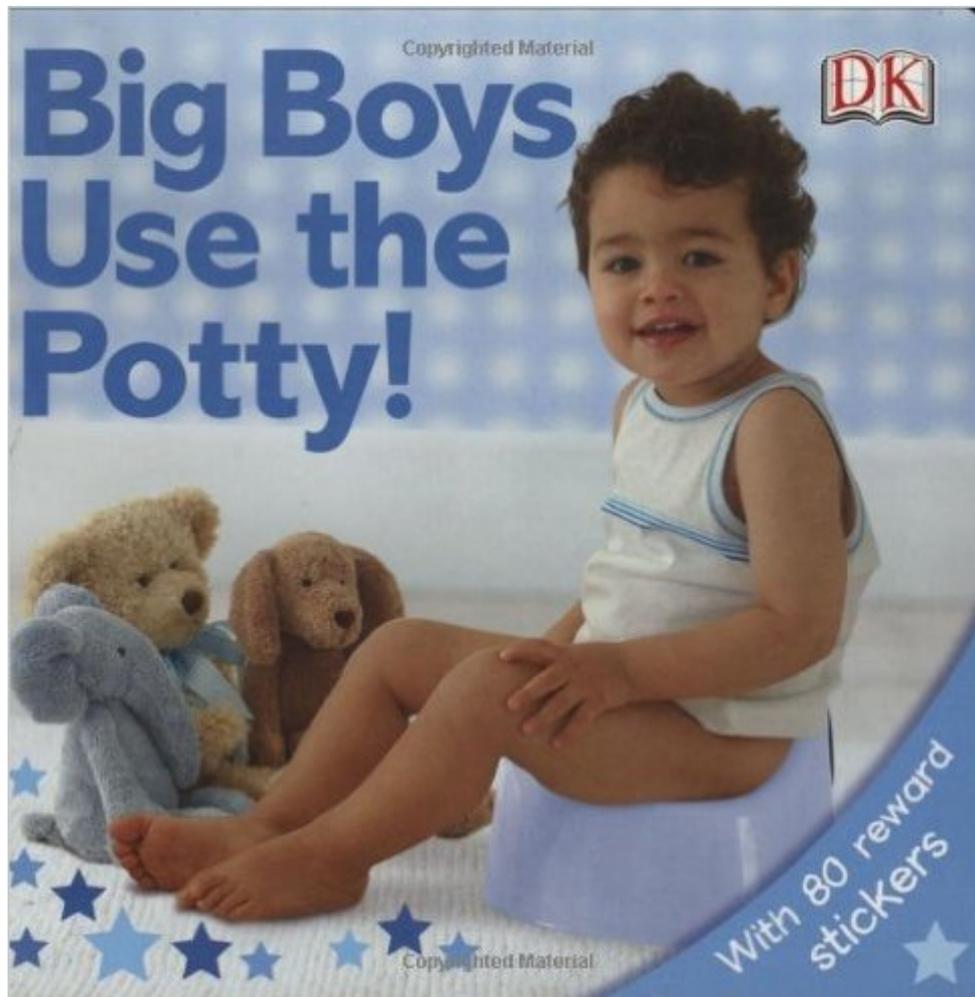


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# Big Boys Use The Potty!



## Synopsis

Take the worry out of toilet training with these two engaging books, specially designed to motivate boys and girls to get excited about using the potty. Full color.

## Book Information

Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Board book: 12 pages

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## Customer Reviews

My son just turned 2 and is starting to show an interest in potty training, so I got several books for him...this one is definitely his favorite. He loves the real-life photographs (not just drawings)...I think it's easier for him to connect with. He also gets a kick out of seeing the teddy bear use the potty too. The text is nice (a lot of rhyming), though some of the words are too sophisticated for him...he doesn't seem to mind. We love that this is a boardbook, since he's still a bit rough on regular paper pages! Highly recommended.

Minus: the story in this book was too convoluted for an early potty training toddler. My 22 month old was not interested in it at all. Neither was I, for that matter. However, I believe the positives outweigh the negatives. Plus: the pictures of real boys on real potties was very interesting and motivating to my son. We had started training about a week before this book came in, and I saw a marked improvement in his willingness and interest in using the potty. In addition, the sticker chart is invaluable! Great motivator for my little one. We had a little ritual. Success meant a sticker on his chart, hanging right beside the toilet; a sticker on his potty seat (he wanted to do that even when he had gone on the toilet instead); and a "phone call" from the lady on the "Potty Time" app from the

Android market. Awesome app and it's free!

I bought this for our 25-month-old boy today, who has only begun the training process. Though the photos already seem a tad dated, the verbiage is nice and sing-songy / rhyme-y, and the little boy on the cover has been given a full name (Charlie Thomas), which for whatever reason appeals to my little boy, who has after only a couple of times of being read to, refers to that little boy as "Tarlle Thomas." He has asked me to read this book several times to him already today. The book discusses several things, like saying "goodbye" to diapers, going to buy big-boy underpants (the underpants sort of look like girl panties with trains and planes on it, and there are butterfly illustrations all over the page, which is really weird to me for a boy's book - but luckily, my son just matter-of-factly tells me there are butterflies), and how potty chairs may look different but they all serve the same purpose. These are touched on briefly, but my son did take notice of all of these things, which I like. I like how the little boy's teddy bear tries out his potty first, which encourages Charlie to try himself. I also like how the bear does have an accident, but the book says, "That's OK, Teddy Bear," and explains that though we might have accidents, the important part is that we try our best. The way it's worded, I feel it is reassuring to a tot, and my son certainly repeats that page over and over. If you're looking for something more instructional, I'd skip this book; however, if you're looking for something relatable and reassuring, you might give this book a try! Sometimes I don't give DK books too much credit, but my son has had a few of their other books, and they have brought him a lot of joy. I'm glad I didn't overlook this book today just because it was published by DK.

My two year old son loves this book. He loves to look at it by himself. He isn't potty trained yet and the pictures fascinate him. There are lots of pictures of real boys demonstrating the steps. The words are kind of scattered all over the page between pictures so it isn't exactly a straightforward read. My son gets kind of bored when I try to read it to him and I'm not sure why exactly. But he sure loves looking at the pictures. It also comes with stickers and a little chart you can choose to use when it's time to start training. I think this book is really great for little boys because of the realistic pictures that go step by step.

My 2 year old twins didn't like it. It's basically showing how a teddy bear uses the bathroom. The sentences were too long for them to sit and pay attention. I did like the stickers on the back, but I thought the book was going to be more about a little boys using the restroom. On top of that, when I

tried to return the book, I had to pay \$5 shipping, so I would have gotten \$2 back for a \$7.

We got a series of different potty/poop books. My son's eyes lit right up the first time he saw these books. He related right away and most of our potty/poop obstacles have been overcome as a result of these books. And because he cannot yet read, I often alter the story to fit whatever challenge he has faced. Usually, he internalizes the lesson and is excited to try something new that brings him effective results!

This is the first book I used when introducing my then 24 month old "nephew" to toilet training. (I've only found one other book: "The Potty Book for Boys" by A. Capucilli that is worth using. There are some terrible toilet training books for children on the market -- and library shelves.) I like that there are pictures of real children in this book. After "choosing which potty" the story describes the process step-by step -- from sitting down to wiping to washing hands. One plus for SINGLE MOMS is that the book only mentions "mommy." While never picturing an adult, the book speaks of "mommy" saying that Charlie Thomas (the main character) needs underpants and shops for some. All other books I've seen on this topic picture both a mother and father. My "nephew's" father isn't in the picture and so "daddy" or "dad" isn't part of his experience. The only negative I have for this book is that, while throughout the whole book it talked about going "pee or poo," on one page it switches to "tinkle." I don't understand why the author felt s/he needed to use that word once -- but I just continued to use "pee." The chart is on the wall in the bathroom and my nephew gets excited about adding a star to the chart after each "success." (Of course, it helps if the adult is getting really excited about the accomplishment as well.)

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