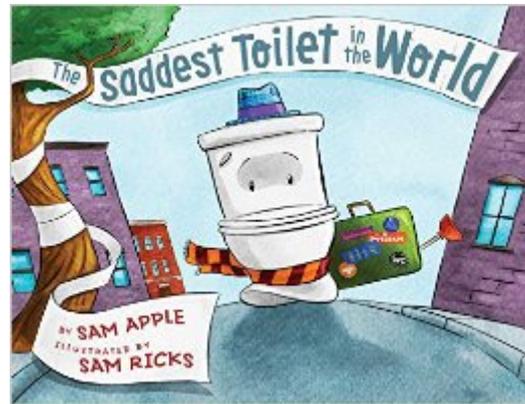


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# The Saddest Toilet In The World



## Synopsis

In a cheeky and hilarious picture book, author Sam Apple and illustrator Sam Ricks share a silly story about the potty-training experienceâfrom the toiletâs point of view! Danny would sit anywhere and everywhere: a comfy couch, a bean bag chair, his momâs lap, a playground swing. The one place Danny wouldnât sit? The toilet. When the pain of rejection becomes too much, the toilet does what any self-respecting toilet would do: He leaves home. In Sam Appleâs rollicking childrenâs book debut, with illustrations by Sam Ricks, itâs boy vs. bowl in a hilarious contest of wills.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

What can you say?! Little ones "Mastering the Potty" LOVE this story! My son giggled all the way through this book, then asked me to read it to him again. It's a very easy read, infant, the second time around, my 9 year old son read it aloud for us, and of course he too, laughed all the way through. Cute book, original storyline.

Danny will sit just about anywhere but on the toilet. So the poor toilet feels completely neglected...and runs away! Naturally the family has to go looking for him! I think the title is my

favorite part. The book that follows is just as absurd as it sounds. In the same vein as "The Day the Crayons Quit," another inanimate object expresses its disgust with a child and hits the road. Face it, I'm not the target audience for this book. For the first 4-5 pages I was not impressed. I didn't roll my eyes, but I thought about it. My kids are potty trained. I'm potty trained. Do I really need to...wait, he runs away? Ok, you got me. He wears a scarf and hat? Bwahaha! He goes on the subway? Yeah, I'm finishing this one. The illustrations really add to the fun, too. I'm going to be seeing cute little "smiles" in my toilet lids now for a long time.

Our 22 month old son's grandmother found out that we were potty training him and purchased a few potty books, including this one. For some reason my son really likes it. I find it a bit weird to read about an anthropomorphized toilet that is more like a family member than a piece of plumbing, but hey, whatever works, right? The book tells the story of a sad toilet who is unhappy because little Danny won't sit on him. The toilet eventually runs away from home and right around this time Danny decides he is ready to sit on the toilet and now they have to go and find their missing "family member" so that the little boy can tell the toilet he's ready to sit on him and do his business. My biggest problem with the book, which is reasonably well written and illustrated, is that it perpetuates this idea that children are eventually "ready" to sit on a toilet and do their business. In the book little Danny appears to be about 4-5 years old. The ideal time to train a child for using the potty is about 20-30 months old. For parents that want real potty training advice pick up the excellent "Oh Crap! Potty Training" by Jamie Glowacki which has actual useful information about succeeding at potty training. If you want a lighthearted book that might entertain your younger child while they are sitting on the potty, this book is not bad (although the story just weirds me out and I don't like reading it to him).... definitely though don't buy it thinking it's actually going to help you with potty training advice.

Bought for my grandson who was starting to be potty trained. My daughter said the book didn't really help, but it made him laugh.

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