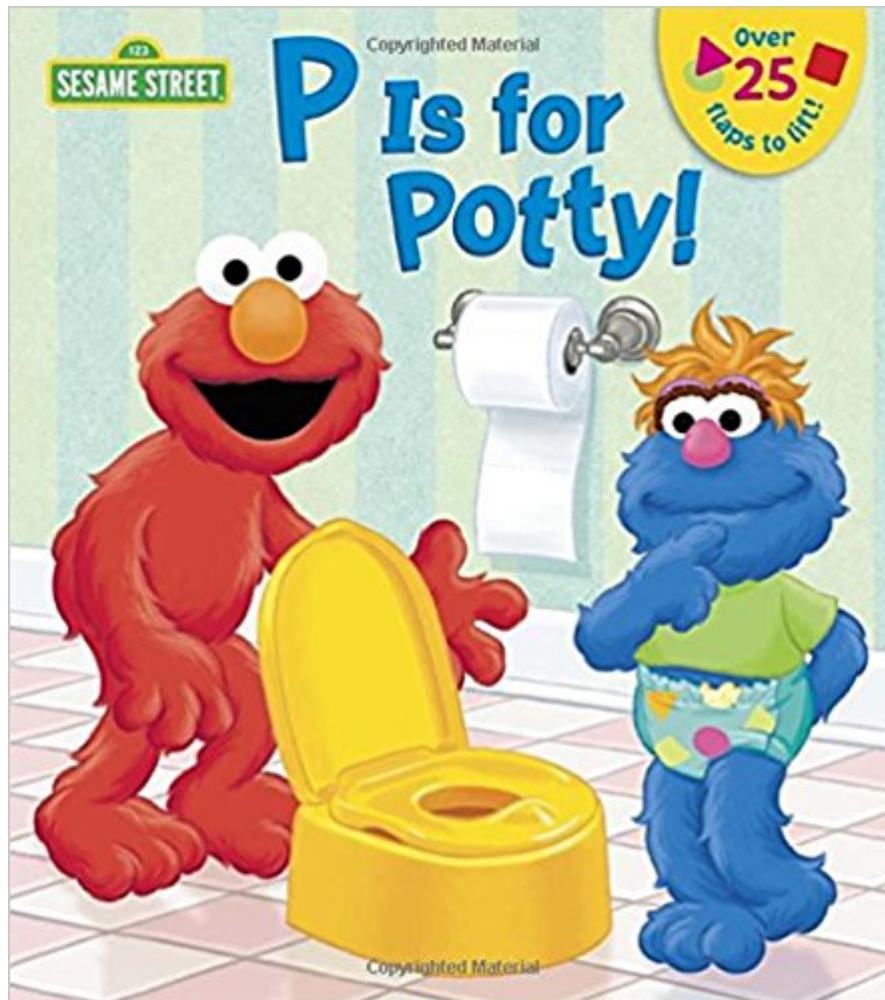




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# P Is For Potty! (Sesame Street) (Lift-the-Flap)



## Synopsis

Sesame Street's Elmo tells little girls and boys ages 1 to 3 all about how to use the potty in this sturdy lift-the-flap board book with more than 30 flaps to find and open. It's the perfect mix of fun and learning for potty-training toddlers—especially while they practice sitting on the potty! Sturdy flaps will hold up to hours of repeat lifting and peeking, and toddlers will delight in the surprises they find under the flaps.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

My 19 month old daughter now recognizes Elmo and so I thought getting a potty themed book to introduce her to the idea of going to the potty would be great. However, I was disappointed when I got the book because even though it says it is targeted for ages 1-3, it is not well written for that age group. P is for Potty sounds like a board book that would be simple, direct, and to the point, so I was surprised when I opened it up and saw paragraphs. I wish I had seen some previews of the book to realize that it is not a good intro to potty training book for the younger set. My daughter likes looking at the pictures and lifting the flaps, but she cannot sit through reading each page (she becomes impatient to turn the page). The biggest issue I have with this book is that it is too long and there is so much dialogue, making it harder for a child my daughter's age to follow along (There is so much Elmo says "...." and Albie says "....." and Elmo's mommy says "...."). It may have worked better if the author simply told the story instead of all the "talking" by different characters. It also doesn't have

the word repetition that you find in other toddler board books. I also felt there was something about the vocabulary used in the book that made it more complicated than other books targeted for the 1-3 year old range. In my opinion that storyline is too long and there is too much going on for a 1-3 year old to follow, especially if you want it to be an introduction to potty training (versus a storybook for a child who is at the tail end of potty training and has the occasional accident). Here is the storyline/plot: Elmo and his mom are babysitting Elmo's cousins, Albie and baby Jo Jo. The baby is fussing because he is wet and needs a diaper change. He gets a diaper change while Albie announces twice that he used to wear diapers but is now learning to use the potty. They have lunch and then Elmo uses the big toilet in the bathroom and they show the steps (wiping, flushing, washing hands). Albie doesn't need to use the little potty. They play in the sandbox and then Albie has an accident and changes into dry clothes. He is reassured by Elmo's mom that it is ok. Later, Albie successfully uses the little potty. Then Albie gets picked up by his mom and tells her all about his day. In terms of the quality of the book, the pages are much thinner than the typical board book. As others have mentioned, even though it now has over 30 flaps to lift, they are unrelated to the potty and the storyline, and are really just an added distraction if you are wanting to use this book as an educational tool about potty training. They are great activities for learning "before and after" (for example, a lamp that is off and then you flip the tab and it is now on or blocks that are stacked up high and you flip the flap and they are knocked over). In conclusion, had I seen a copy of this book before I purchased it (such as a "look inside" preview that some books have on ), I wouldn't have purchased this for my daughter. I've included some photos of the inside of the pages so that others can take a glance before they decide to purchase.

My big one loves it (3) and my little one (20 months) loves to read with us and look under all the flaps. Here is a tip mommies! About a month ago, my son was 3 years and 2 months. He didn't want to go on the potty. One of his friends came over and his mom and I had a cup of coffee. She told me that when her son was 2 1/2, she took him to day care one day and they told her that the next day to bring in SIX PAIRS OF UNDIES AND SIX FULL CHANGES OF CLOTHES because there would be no more diapers. They said pull ups don't work bc the kids just think they are diapers. The trick is to make them feel the wet. It gets cold on them and they don't like it. I was scared to ruin my rugs and furniture but I figured what the heck! So, the next day, I put him in his undies that I had eagerly bought on his 2nd birthday (hahahaha). He peed in them and came to be devastated "mommy!!! I am WET!!!! I need a bath! I am STICKY!!" I put him in the bath and threw his clothes in our other tub (figured that I would let a few sets pile up and then do a load). When he got out, he got fresh undies

and fresh clothes, of course. He tried to ask for a "diapee" and I explained "nope this is it from now on. You can go on the potty and stay dry or poop and pee in your clothes and get sticky and cold and wet". About an hour later, my husband walked into our bathroom and he was SITTING ON THE TOILET WITH A POOP IN THE POTTY! We wiped his butt. Told him that we were so proud (he loves this and now asks every time "are you proud?"). He got to pick a treat out of the treat bucket (left over Halloween Candy, lol) and he gets to stick a sticker on my wall in my bathroom (it is shiny paint so easy to remove). And that was it. He went pee and poop all on his own. I had my hubby teach him how to push his "winkie" to shoot in the toilet. He goes pee on the big potty and poop on his little potty on the floor. He comes and gets up (carrying the poop in the removable potty bowl - which is totally gross) and he is so proud and we go in and wipe him and clean the potty after he dumps it in his big potty. We did make one mistake. He had gymnastics the 3rd day and we put him in pullups bc we didn't want him to poop on the other little gymnasts :)!!! This kind of backed us up and he was wetting his underpants a bunch of times a day for a few days but we just didn't make a big deal about it and he eventually chose to stay dry on his own. He still makes mistakes but he knows where his undies are so he will strip and throw his wet clothes in the bathtub in his bathroom (he gets embarrassed I think and doesn't want to be ridiculed for a mistake - which i get so it is fine with me). and then he goes and gets his underpants from his closet shelf and puts them on. He does fine at night. I am posting this for the mommies who are buying this book because they have talked about potty training with their little one but they aren't budging. I really hope this helps!!!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions :)

[vanostrandsamantha@gmail.com](mailto:vanostrandsamantha@gmail.com) Good Luck and I Wish You Lots of Dry Underpants!!!! GOD Bless you :)

There are cool little flaps to open, which is a fun concept. But I hate reading this book. It's not much of a story, and the way it's written isn't very creative or interesting or fun, and I don't think it does a very good job of focusing on the potty in a useful way for my child. I'm trying to get my 2.5 year old toddler interested in starting to potty train, and this book really doesn't inspire any interest in trying the potty. Maybe this would be better for an older kid who is already potty training and having some setbacks. I don't know. All I know for sure is that this book "disappeared" after a couple of weeks because I don't ever want to read it again. I've had much better results and experiences from "Big Girl Panties" by Fran Manushkin, "Potty" by Leslie Patricelli, and "The Potty Book for Girls" by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Edit: Also, the title is completely irrelevant to the book. Don't expect any reference to the alphabet.

We kind of wish that the monster in this book was non-gendered since we got this for our daughter. The best part is that this keeps her entertained and distracted while on the potty as she flips through all the flaps. I like that the flaps have not torn yet with our little hulkstress. I'm deducting a star because this book doesn't really focus on the monster GOING potty, or the process of getting there. I do like that it shows a mistake/late getting to the potty and a supportive "parent monster," since kids will make mistakes.

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