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Everyone Poops (My Body Science)



Synopsis

"Everyone Poops by Taro Gomi is part biology textbook, part sociological treatise and all celebration of a very natural process. Both my daughters begged me to read the book over and over again. They marveled at the enormity of the elephant's poop and searched with the skill of a scientist for the tiny specks which represent bug poop. The text is simple and straightforward but not without humor.

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Customer Reviews

A hilarious book showing many kinds of animals, their poop, and describing where and how they poop (e.g. while walking). Also reviewed are the ways a baby poops in a diaper, small child in a potty, and older children and adults on a toilet. Hysterical graphics such as rear view of child sitting on toilet with the poop in midair, which we see between the gap in his buttock cheeks. Other scenes demonstrate how the toilet is flushed and the poop is washed down the pipes. Illustrations are cartoon like. This was originally published in Japan and therefore the human characters are all Asian. How lucky for us English-speaking parents to have this translated version! The goal of this book is to review with the child the progression of moving from diapers to toilets. It is a funny way to talk about poop with the child. Every child who has seen our book laughs out loud. Many adults who have seen our book think it is so funny. The exception is my husband who thinks this is just gross. If

you need to interject some humor in the toilet learning process, read this to your child!Update
December 2008: I'm surprised that I had said my husband thought the book was gross. He went on to like it, laugh at it, and to really like the book. By the time we were reading the book to our second child, my husband loved the book. We now buy this book for gifts for toddlers who are approaching the toilet training time. Also Note: Toilet training is not always easy. No picture book can train your child to use the toilet! But a book can be a gateway for discussion between parent and child, and it can (depending on the book) add an element of laughter, which can be good medicine to what can sometimes be a stressful time for parent and child alike, especially for kids who are really anxious and scared about toilet training.

If you have read any of my other reviews you will see that I am a pretty open guy. I love metaphysics and all things spiritual, but one thing that I have definitely learned while here in this world of form is that poop definitely happens. One reviewer said that they wouldn't recommend it to a child...why? Children are fascinated by things like this. I remember the first time my niece was consciously aware that she was eliminating something from her body. She was so excited and so delighted about it that she wanted me to see, "Look Uncle Johnny! Look what I did..." And I looked in the toilet and there it was, a big, smelly brown poop. I told my brother (her father) that we should press it in a book, but he wasn't too open to that idea. These people that get so offended over pooping and farting just really need to get over themselves. Everyone poops. Even the Pope poops. In fact, the Pope probably pooped today. I know I did. If this review discredits me as a reviewer, so be it...I just find that in order to be real we have to embrace the good, the bad, and the smelly. Let's get this Potty started!

I'm having a horrible time getting my 3 1/2 year old son to use the potty. I've tried it all - rewards of various types and all sorts of "fun" stuff (stickers, getting a toy from the "potty prize bag", peeing on Piddlers, which are styrofoam-type fish that dissolve in the toilet, food treats, reading books, decorating the potty, using a favorite cartoon character toilet seat, glow in the dark pull-ups . . . shall I go on?) I saw this book at a local book store, and thought some of the pictures were a bit gross (specifically the one with the lion eating), but my son likes it. He now tells me that he takes a big elephant poop. Now if I can just get him to take that big elephant poop on the potty and not in the diaper!! This book at least has him talking about where he should poop, which is a bigger show of success than I've yet to witness. Even though it might be a little yucky to some adults, I think it's worth a shot for anyone who may be struggling with toilet training. It's at least worth a shot.

My 2 year old is obsessed with "poopy". When we started to potty train her, she was upset when she did a poopy. To address this problem, we bought Everyone Poops. She loves it and the phrase, "It's OK, because everyone poops!" has become a favorite in our household. I highly recommend this one!

"An elephant makes a big poop--a mouse makes a tiny poop." These straightforward observations mark the beginning of Taro Gomi's wonderful picture book "Everyone Poops." Not only is this beautifully illustrated book a great way to teach kids about a basic body function, it's also a wonderfully funny treat for adult readers. I imagine that some prudish parents will be put off by Gomi's explicit (but charming) pictures of animals and humans taking "poops" of all shapes, sizes, and colors. But Gomi's basic message is sound: relieving one's bowels is a normal part of our everyday lives. In a world where too many people are too embarrassed to ask their doctor about colorectal cancer and other "poop"-related health problems, Taro Gomi's book is especially valuable. If the child (or parent) who enjoys this book feels less squeamish about discussing colorectal health concerns at a later time, than Gomi will have done more than just entertain; the author may have also helped save a life. So buy "Everyone Poops" and share it with the ones you love.

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