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**Children's Book Author Helps Improve Social and
Functional Skills in Children**

*New Children's Books Digs Deep into Affirmation and
Support During Potty Training*

Bestselling children's book author, D.M. Whitaker, has written two new picture books that help reduce the fear and anxiety that children experience while potty training. ***The Potty Monster: Boys Potty Training with Courage*** and ***The Potty Monster: Girls Potty Training with Courage***, are rhyming affirmation stories that encourage children through their potty training journey. These books remind boys and girls that they are brave, smart, and strong and can succeed by first trying.

Author Whitaker, an Omaha native, is a mother, former educator, and social worker, turned storyteller. She desires to create stories for children that teach them functional and social skills to help them be their best in their homes, classrooms, and communities. Her stories take children on a journey with rhyme, music, and imagination while teaching lessons and skills that will stick with them as they grow and gain independence in the world.

Parents, child care providers, and potty training consultants have expressed great enthusiasm for this project. Seeing its potential to positively impact the potty training journey for children all over the world, reducing anxiety, pressure, and abuse towards children, and fostering a loving, supportive experience for children as they master potty training.

"These books are important because at least 1/4 of my clients say that their child is afraid of the toilet. Your books show that even though potty training is scary, you can master it. They also share that, even if the child doesn't do anything and are willing to face the toilet, they deserve to be applauded." **Kimberly Harris, Certified Potty Training Consultant**



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