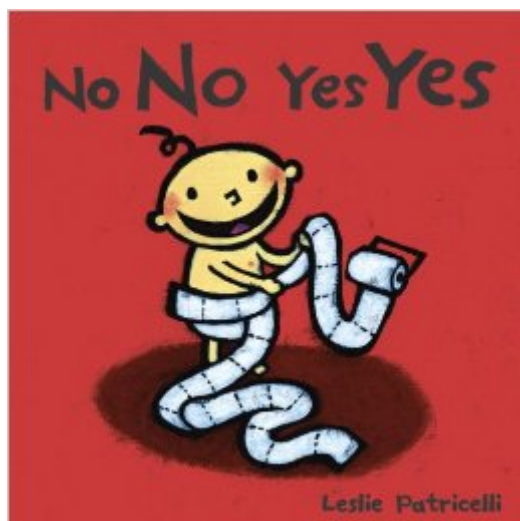


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# No No Yes Yes (Leslie Patricelli Board Books)



## Synopsis

YES! This must-have toddler title sheds light on some concepts with a comical flair. Yanking cat by tail: no NO. Gentle pat on back: yes YES. And it's funny how dumping a bowl of food gets a very different reaction from mastering the use of a spoon. An expressive baby demonstrates familiar behaviors and their predictable responses in an amusing board book that merits a giant YES!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

I started noticing that the baby gives BIG open-mouthed smiles while doing the naughty activities, and a smaller, closed mouth smile while doing the approved activities. So, like the dork that I am, I counted up the big, wide open-mouthed smiles: 9 of them for no-nos and only 2 for yes-yeses (both of them on the last page titled "more yes yes things.") I can't say for certain, but I THINK that sends a sort of confusing message: don't do the no-nos, even though they're WAY FUN.

All of Leslie Patricelli's board books are primers on how to behave. Call them required reading for "Toddler 101." No No Yes Yes is no exception. The baby that appears on every page has a big happy face, a single curl and wears only a diaper. It doesn't matter if it's a boy or a girl. On each page the baby is doing an activity. On the left side it's a No, No activity like eating dog food or putting toys in the toilet, on the right side it's a corresponding Yes, Yes activity like eating a banana

or using the potty for its intended use. It's a very clear message to young kids on what to do and what not to do. Kids and parents alike will enjoy the humor. The cat's face and RROWR above its head when baby pulls its tail are perfect. On the page where baby marks on the walls, notice the sleeping dog also has purple and red marks on his fur, and baby's belly has a purple mark, too. With painted acrylic artwork, bold black outlines and colorful backgrounds, the simple presentation is perfect for its audience. The other board books in the Patricelli canon are *Baby Happy Baby Sad*, *Big Little*, *Binky*, *Blankie*, *Dummy*, *Quiet Loud* and *Yummy Yucky*.

My 14 month old loves this book. She does all of the things the baby in the book does (minus the scissors, but she would if she could). She looks at the pictures on the no no and then the yes yes page with a very studious expression. I can only imagine what she is thinking! The illustrations are great for pointing, labeling, and discussing. The book is obviously geared towards toddlers, but its simplicity lends itself well to teaching preschool children, especially children with special needs, social expectations.

We've been "reading" this book with our daughter since she was probably 8 months old (she is now 2 1/2). Each set of facing pages has a "No No" activity and a "Yes Yes" activity. We have always talked about what the baby is doing; as our daughter has matured, we also talk about why things are "no no" or "yes yes" - and what happens if she does a "no no" (pulling the cat's tail, cutting hair with scissors, drawing on the wall, etc.) Much like *Curious George*, this book CAN give your child new ideas for how to misbehave. BUT it can also be a great tool to help curb destructive behavior before it starts. We love the simplicity of the book. It's easy for even a pre-verbal child to understand.

I find it amusing that people are complaining that this book gave their kid bad ideas. After 3 kids we've run into all of the "no no"s without the help of this book. And to be perfectly honest, a book is no match for mom. If a kid gets ideas from it, then it will be a short phase and they will move on once they realize that the misbehavior garners no benefit to them in terms of attention or function. On the other hand, I love this book simply for what it is: a demonstration that there is a good way and a not as good way to do things, and all of us get things wrong sometimes. It is great for my perfectionistic 5 year old to see that he's not the only one who does things wrong sometimes. It is great for my rebellious 3 year old who loves seeing someone else "get in trouble" for the no's. And, it is great for my 1 year old, who is still simply learning the basics. There are few books that will last years, but I think this is one of them considering the age bracket it appeals to. I love all

the books in this series, from Big Little to Yummy Yucky to Potty and beyond. They are all great and this is no exception.

I hate this book. A relative bought it for my son and I think she must hate me to be giving my kid these ideas. I have several other books by this same author that are pretty cute, but I have never and would never let my kid read this book. I would prefer not to give my two year old ideas of things to do to ruin our house. Here are the no-nos pictured in the book: a kid pouring his bowl of food on his head, drawing on the walls and the dog, picking his nose, eating the dog food, throwing his toys and the toilet paper roll in the toilet, hitting another kid over the head with a hammer, pulling the cat's tail, cutting his own hair with scissors, running away from his daddy, ripping up a book, and pouring water out of the bathtub. Maybe I'm strange, but I can't imagine a mom wanting her kid to see a picture of a child with a huge smile as he hits another kid over the head with a hammer. Sure, the book is cute and funny, and I'm sure toddlers think it's funny, which makes it even worse. I will never let my kid see this book, and I would highly recommend that other parents don't buy it for their kids either.

I don't like that this book gives kids ideas of what not to do. Most of these "nos" my child hadn't thought of doing - I don't need her to be shown ideas with fun/funny graphics. Just saying "no" about something can be enforcing to children too (I generally only tell my children what TO do, not what NOT to do).

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