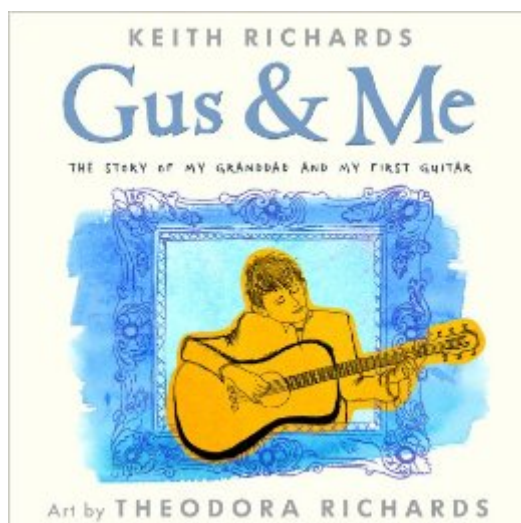


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# Gus & Me: The Story Of My Granddad And My First Guitar



## Synopsis

Long before there was a band, there was a boy: a young Keith Richards, who was introduced to the joy of music through his beloved granddad, Theodore Augustus Dupree, affectionately known as "Gus," who was in a jazz big band and is the namesake of Keith's daughter, Theodora Dupree Richards. *Gus & Me* offers a rare and intimate look into the childhood of the legendary Keith Richards through this poignant and inspiring story that is lovingly illustrated with Theodora Richards's exquisite pen-and-ink collages. This unique autobiographical picture book honors the special bond between a grandfather and grandson and celebrates the artistic talents of the Richards family through the generations. It also includes selected photographs from the Richards family collection and an exclusive audio CD featuring bonus content.

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## Customer Reviews

Who'd have thought the wildman, who gave us *When the Whip Comes Down* and *Let's Go*™s *Spend the Night Together*, could also tell such a gentle, evocative tale? Keith Richards writes about his grandfather Gus "a bandleader whose house was filled with instruments and cake" and the meandering walks they'd take together through the streets of London. Stones fans will love *Gus & Me* because it reveals how young Keef developed his love for music. But even if the book wasn't about Richards (and even if the playful/mischievous

illustrations hadn't been drawn by his daughter and even if the accompanying CD didn't feature Keith reading the story in the perfect bedtime voice), it's simply a wonderful book for children, a book about the lasting gift that a grandfather gave to his grandson.

A wonderful, touching tale of the love between a Grandfather and Grandson that led to a shared passion for music. I had read the story in Keith's autobiography *Life*, but the addition of his daughter Theodora's (who is named for Theodore Augustus Dupree, the titular Gus) illustrations adds to the family bond evoked by the story. Ordered a copy for my Grandniece and one for myself; my only regret is I don't get a copy of the CD with Keith reading the story since I got the Kindle edition...maybe Quinn and I can share! If you are a fan of music of any kind and wish to pass that love along, buy this book. If you have grandchildren or grandparents whom you love (or loved) and wish to pass that love along, buy this book. And if you love Keef, definitely BUY THIS BOOK!

Heartwarming stuff from a legend. What a wonderful discovery for my two young children... I think I will read it to them every night!! I love this book!

A warm and loving tribute to his grandfather who not only introduced Keith to the guitar, but also taught him the valuable lesson of working hard for what you want. I love it!

An absolutely remarkable tribute to family, love, and passion.

What a wonderful book and an absolutely touching story about how Keith Richards' grandfather 'Gus' got young Keith interested in the guitar (not to mention the wonderful relationship between a grandfather and grandson). Keith's first children's book is indeed wonderful, as are Theodora's illustrations. This is a great book written by a great man who has a great family. Your family will enjoy the book & CD too. How cool is it to play the CD and have Keith Richards read the book to your children? Very Cool! Thanks Keith & Theodora! Highly recommend!

I've always been very appreciative of the Rolling Stones, but was never what one would consider a rabid fan. Using picture books to teach children of many ages in school, I decided to buy a copy of *Gus & Me* when offered it as a holiday lightening deal. What a wonderful surprise! This book is a love song from Keith Richards not only to music, but to the grandfather whom he remembers with great love and whom he credits with teaching him to play and love the guitar. Beyond the obvious

inspirational value of this book and its implied messages of pursuing what you love, believing in yourself, etc., is a magical quality that Richards brings to his tale about his granddad, Theodore Augustus Dupree, who lived in a house "that was filled with instruments and cake." As Richards charms us with his tale of growing up with his granddad, he expresses a turning point in his life which represented the day when the music became magic for him, and after which he believed what his granddad had told him about one day being able to play anything on his guitar. A turning point for Richards reflected in his life but also on the page, as Richards' story takes a 45 degree turn on the page and the reader turns the book on its side to share Richards' defining moment. The front and back matter provide highly interesting anecdotal information about Richards, his family, and the story behind this book. A 7-plus minute CD is included which features Keith playing the song described in the book which his granddad taught him to play. GUS & ME is a book which made me smile, and it will put many smiles on the faces of students both in regular class and in music classes with whom I plan to share it. A wonderful surprise and a beautiful book!

This children's book is wonderful for readers of all ages! The story is sweet and reminded me of my own Grandpop. The fact that this is based on Keith's own life, makes the story even more enjoyable. The illustrations by his daughter are also lovely and warm. Keith, you continue to rock as usual...and also to roll (of course)!

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