For Alexander, Ethan, Oliver & Emilio





Born May 13, 1941, Ritchie Valens was a Mexican-American singer, songwriter, and guitarist. His musical journey started at age 5 when his father encouraged him to take up guitar.

In high school, he made his performing debut with the band The Silhouettes. At 17, Ritchie recorded his final record, which included classics like "Donna" and "La Bamba." That record went on to sell over one million copies. To this day, Ritchie Valens' music lives on in the hearts of many!

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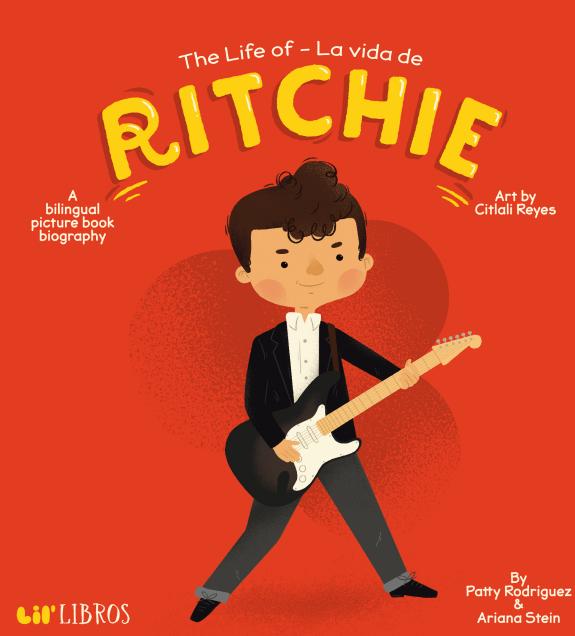
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His father gifted him his first

GUITAR



Su papá le regaló su primer

**GUITARRA** 



At age 16, he joined a BAND



A los 16 años, se unió a un

GRUPO MUSICAL



He wrote a song about his

## **BEST FRIEND**



Le compuso una canción a su

MEJOR AMIGA



Shortly after, he played with many great

## **MUSICIANS**

Poco tiempo después, empezó a tocar con otros grandes

MÚSICOS

