

The Acrocephaly Advantage



A rare genetic disorder called acrocephaly – or Pointy Head Syndrome – helped propel The Fabulous McGillicuddy Sisters to fame and fortune. The four sisters were born with craniofacial defects that made them stand out in a crowd, much to their constant embarrassment. But their father, Lyndon, proved the veracity of the saying “out of sight, out of mind” by knitting sequined caps for each of them. With their extruded noggins covered up, people forgot how weird they looked and focused instead on their personalities, which were not unlike overly ripe cantaloupes. The tightly fitting caps, meanwhile, put lopsided pressure on their larynges, causing their vocal cords to develop independently of their brains, which in turn turned them into first-class singers. Lyndon knitted matching frocks for them, wheedled their way onto a talent show – which they won – and the rest* is history.

* save for eight confusing years in a work-study program at the University of Hummock-on-Smythe in southwesternmost Lincolnshire, but that’s another story.