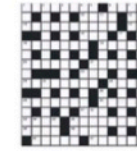


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## CHASING A US DREAM

### YOUTUBE SENSATION

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WHEN a pair of Moggill children's entertainers dreamt up a show designed to promote reading, they never thought it would spawn a song that would be broadcast across the US and become a YouTube sensation.

*I Love Reading* was written by the Fabulous Lemon Drops duo – Vanessa and Dez Staunton – in 2013.

"I wrote the verse and the chorus and Vanessa finished the song off writing the middle eight, which takes the listener on a musical journey highlighting a number of classic children's books," Mr Staunton said.

The pair hope the success of their song will be the catalyst for a US tour.

The band put together a video to promote the song on YouTube and soon after were approached by schools, libraries and radio stations around the world.

The song also featured on ABC TV when an American e-book subscription service for children

requested permission to license the song in the US.

The company created a video to accompany the music that has been shown across the US, and the song has been viewed about 400,000 times on YouTube.

The couple's first gig was in the garage of their home for their daughter's eighth birthday.

"She wanted to raise money for the Starlight Children's Foundation instead of friends bringing her birthday presents," Mr Staunton said.

"We provided the musical entertainment and it was so enjoyable that what was meant to be a one-off performance soon turned into a new career."

The family now tour all over Australia playing to audiences everywhere.

The Fabulous Lemon Drops hope to continue their success and their plans are simple.

"We intend to continue performing high-quality children's entertainment to as many children as possible – changing the world one smile at a time," Mr Staunton said.



The Fabulous Lemon Drops, Vanessa and Dez Staunton, of Moggill, entertain audiences around Australia following the success of their hit song *I Love Reading*.

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