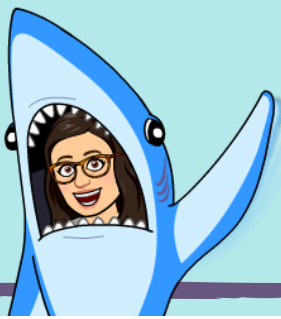


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Books about Costumes & Disguises

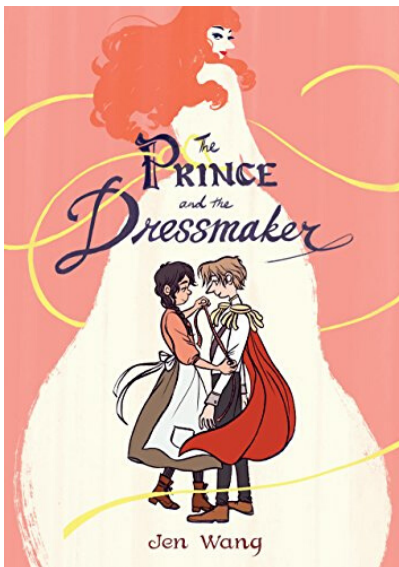
This week, MPL is hosting a **virtual Masquerade Mask-Decorating workshop** ([Click to sign up](#)) and it got me thinking about YA books involving dress-up, cosplay, and disguises. Two of my recent favorites involved disguises or alter egos that actually allowed the characters to express essential parts of themselves.

The Deep & Dark Blue starts with a shocking political coup that sends noble siblings Hawke and Grayson on the run. Their best bet is to disguise themselves as girls (Hanna and Grayce) and join the Communion of Blue, an ancient order of magical women. Their disguises have to succeed if they're going to survive.

While safe within the Communion, they plan to take back their ancestral home and restore the rightful family line. But Grayce is conflicted about going back to the way things were before. Living openly as a girl has confirmed what she has known in her heart all along and it would be too painful to return to her old life. If her past comes out, will she still be welcome in the Communion? If she and Hawke succeed in reclaiming their family home, will she be able to live openly as Grayce?



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16 year old prince Sebastian is soon to be betrothed to a suitable bride chosen by his parents. He doesn't know or care who it will be. He's too swept up in his secret alter ego: the glamorous Lady Crystallia, who takes Paris by storm every night. After seeing designer Frances' talent, he wants to hire her as his personal seamstress. But can he trust her to keep his secret from proper society? And if Frances takes this secret job, will she ever get credit for her hard work and daring designs?

In addition to the sweet and inspiring story, this book has candy-colored illustrations of all of Frances' outlandish designs. It was announced that the book is being made into an animated movie musical with music written by the same songwriting team as *Frozen*.

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More stories involving fashion, disguises, or alter egos:

[A Dress For the Wicked](#) by Autumn Krause

[Once Upon a Con](#) series by Ashley Poston

[Dreadnought](#) by April Daniels

[Blue Bloods](#) series by Melissa de la Cruz

[Killer Style](#) by Serah-Marie McMahon & Alison Matthews David

[The Glittering Court](#) by Richelle Mead

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