

# COSTUME GUIDE for SAMMY KEYES CHARACTERS

## RECURRING CHARACTERS

- **Sammy**—Converse high-tops, jeans, ball cap, sweat-shirt, skateboard, binoculars...
- **Grams**—usually a skirt and pumps, but does own red Converse sneakers and jeans!
- **Hudson**—cowboy boots, bushy eyebrows, reads the paper, drinks iced tea; wise.
- **Officer Borsch**—“acts like his squad car’s a Porsche, and thinks that all kids are delinquent juveniles”. Any cop uniform, shades, and a grumpy attitude will work!
- **Marissa**—like Sammy, but designer everything, no Converse. Has lots of money and an annoying little brother...
- **Mikey**—roly-poly boy, loves to eat candy, and has exotic fish. (Any kid with a fishbowl will be recognized as Mikey!)
- **Dot**—loves root beer & yellow, has a large “dot” on her cheek – a flat, round mole.
- **Casey**—Sammy’s crush: skateboard, typical teen dresser; anything goes.
- **Danny**—Marissa’s crush: anything goes, wears a ring on index finger of his left hand.
- **Billy Pratt**—the class clown. Anything goes for dress—the attitude is everything. Funny, funny, funny.
- **Heather**—Sammy’s nemesis: red hair and a nasty attitude!
- **Lady Lana**—movie star getup, or “Gas-Away” getup (bloated belly?)!
- **Andre**—works as a clerk at the Heavenly Hotel. Trademark is a cigar. Reads the newspaper. Growls when he talks.
- **Mrs. Graybill**—Sammy’s nosy neighbor—matted hair, old bathrobe, slippers, orange lipstick that “goes WAY outside the lines.”
- **Mrs. Wedgewood**—Sammy’s blackmailing neighbor—large woman who has a habit of falling off the toilet. (Body padding/a muumuu, a big black wig + toilet seat will do the trick!)

## Colorful Characters From...

### ...HOTEL THIEF

- **Madame Nashira**—fortune teller with hair sprayed to the moon and bracelets and scarves galore.
- **Oscar**—the blind ice cream man: Dark glasses; change dispenser; sighting cane.

### ...SKELETON MAN

- **The Skeleton Man**—any scary skeleton costume + a pillow sack of “loot.”
- **CeCe**—thrift store owner. Used to be homeless but is now a business shark. Bag lady outfit + glasses, and a “Check Backpacks” sign will do the trick!
- **Chauncy LeBard**—“the Bush Man” reclusive man who gets tied up by a robber and blindfolded w/ a Frankenstein mask.
- **Sammy** wore a “marsh monster sweater”—green hairy thing—and sprayed her Converse green; **Marissa** dressed up as a mummy (wrapped in a mountain of toilet paper) and **Dot** dressed up as a bee – any of those costumes would be fun!

### ...SISTERS of MERCY

- **The Sisters of Mercy**: There are 3 of them, ranging in size. They wear “penguin” outfits OR purple span-dex pants and purple feather boas, and they SING. Could be big fun!
- **Father Mayhew**—kindly priest with a (smoking) pipe and an Irish accent.
- Any softball player! (Sammy goes to “William Rose Middle School” and they are the (drum roll, please...) Bullfrogs. (“Riiibbbbbbit!”))

### ...RUNAWAY ELF

- **Elyssa the Elf**—dress up as an elf and you’ll be good!
- **The Crocodile**—evil woman with a green turban, silky robe, and long fingernails.

### ...CURSE of MOUSTACHE MARY

- **Lucinda Huntley**—very old lady, hunched over, small feathered black hat. Has a pet pig named Penny.

# More Colorful Characters from Sammy Keyes & the...

## ...HOLLYWOOD MUMMY

- **Max**—Hollywood agent with big tortoise-shell glasses and a penchant for Egyptian artifacts.
- **Hali**—teen who helps Sammy in Hollywood Mummy. UCLA t-shirt, long beaded braids and toe-rings.
- **Inga**—Max’s sister: German accent, has bandages over her hands and face because of botched plastic surgery. Into gardening and carries a pitchfork!

## ...SEARCH FOR SNAKE EYES

- **“Snake Eyes”** Gang guy—typical gang dress plus cobra tattoo on his top right arm with dice “snake eyes” for eyes (ones); sniffs the air.
- **Lena**—Former gang girl with baby—typical teen attire and carry a doll—easy!

## ...ART OF DECEPTION

- **Diane Reijden**—a stylish artist (paint brushes & classy clothes will do the trick).
- **Art Bandit**—robs the art gallery—black mask across his eyes, faded blue bandana across nose and mouth, a cow-boy hat, and worn jeans. Carry any framed “painting” and a squirt gun and you’ll be great!

## ...PSYCHO KITTY QUEEN

- **The Kitty Queen**—(this one would be fun!) “...like a Barbie doll gone to seed.” Blonde wig, thick black eyeliner that curves way up at the corners, three-inch fake eyelashes, pink lipstick. PLUS a tiara! (Any variation will work!) Carry a stuffed cat and everyone will know you’re the Kitty Queen!
- **Slammin’ Dave**—runs the pro wrestling school. Pumped up, gym guy.
- **El Gato**—a “pro wrestler” who dresses with a cat mask—being “pumped” is not a requirement for this character!
- **Elvis Impersonator** -- works nights at TJ’s Market. Learn some Elvis-speak and go for it!

## ...DEAD GIVEAWAY

- **Mrs. Ambler**—Sammy’s homeroom teacher. This one’s easy for you teachers—all you need is a “dead lovebird” or a cage with a pair of lovebirds (fake birds are fine!).
- **Pirates!**—Sammy and friends all dress up as pirates for an end-of-the-school-year dance, so any pirate costume will work for Sammy, Marissa, Danny, Billy or Casey.

## ...WILD THINGS

- This is a camping book – Sammy, Marissa, Casey, & Billy dressed in backpacking gear. Billy carrying a big rattle-snake.
- Gabby, Cricket, Bella are characters in this book who are **Girl Scouts**. So any Girl Scout uniform will work here.

## ...COLD HARD CASH

- **Old Lady Super Spy!** This is Sammy’s disguise in this book. Picture Tweety Bird’s Granny with “ugly rubbery shoes” and you’ve got it!

## ...WEDDING CRASHER

- **Sammy as bridesmaid**—lavender princess dress, high-tops and a skateboard.
- **Mr. Vince**—he’s a closet biker. Put on your do-rag and leathers and you’re perfect!

## ...NIGHT OF SKULLS

- **Zombie time!** Sammy’s friends are zombies in tattered flannel shirts in this book.
- Or be Heather as a **she-vampire** in net stocking.
- **Shovel Man**—jeans, work boots, ball cap and a shovel. This guy’s out to get zombies!

## ...POWER OF JUSTICE JACK

- **Justice Jack**—superhero time! Red & gold bodysuit w/tall black boots, red knee & arm pads, a gold chest plate w/a big red “J”, gold gloves, black eye mask, a Batman-style utility belt, and a Roman centurion helmet.

## ...SHOWDOWN in SIN CITY

- **Elvis & Mini-Elvis**—Go as an Elvis group—tall & short!
- **Darren Cole**—Rock ‘n’ roller w/ tassled leather jacket, boots, sunglasses, and a guitar.

## ...KILLER CRUISE

- **Noah**—cruise director—wear white and a captain’s hat.

## ...KISS GOODBYE

- Any of the regular characters work for this final book