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in·cog·ni·to  (ĩn'kŏg-nē tō, ĩn-kŏg nĩ-tō')

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adv. & adj.

With one's identity disguised or concealed.

n. pl. in·cog·ni·tos

The identity assumed by a person whose actual identity is disguised or concealed.

[Italian, from Latin *incognitus*, unknown : *in-*, not; see [in-](#)¹ + *cognitus*, past participle of *cognōscere*, to learn, recognize; see [COGNITION](#).]

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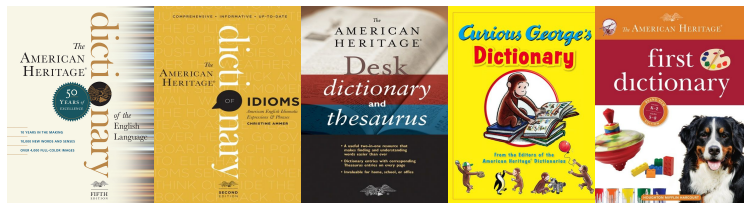
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