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Greek Mythology

A son of the sun god Helios who was killed by Zeus while trying to drive his father's chariot across the sky.

[Latin *Phaëtōn*, *Phaëthōn*, from Greek *Phaethōn*, from *phaethōn*, present participle of *phaethein*, to shine; see **bhā**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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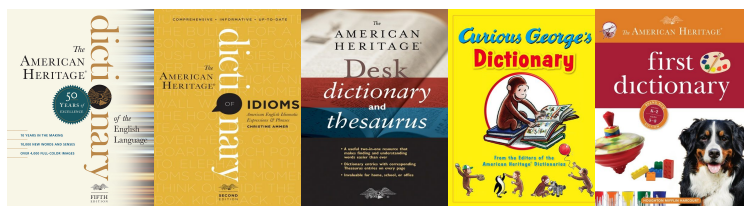
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