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A sacred Hindu text that is incorporated into the *Mahabharata* and takes the form of a philosophical dialogue in which Krishna instructs the prince Arjuna in ethical matters and the nature of God.

[Sanskrit *bhagavad-gītā*, song of the Blessed One (Krishna) : *bhagavat-*, fortunate, blessed (from *bhagaḥ*, good fortune; see **bhag-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *gītā*, song (from *gāyati*, he sings).]

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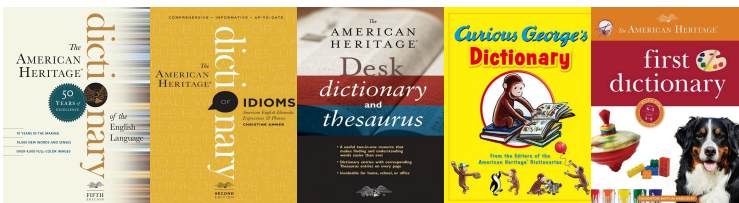
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