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adj.

1. Shining brilliantly; resplendent. See Synonyms at [bright](#).

2.

a. Showing or expressing vitality, love, or joy: "*the thrilling promise he held out in his effulgent emerald eyes*" (Arundhati Roy).

b. Splendid; wonderful: *effulgent beauty*.

[Latin *effulgēns*, *effulgent*-, present participle of *effulgēre*, to shine out : *ex*-, *ex*- + *fulgēre*, to shine; see **bhel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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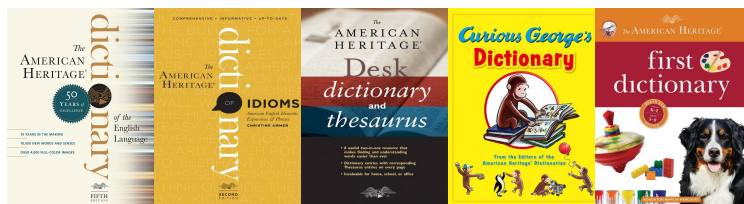
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