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adj.

1. Dazzling or stunning in effect.
2. *Medicine* Occurring suddenly and severely. Used of a disease.

[French, from present participle of *foudroyer*, to strike with lightning, from *foudre*, lightning, from Old French *fouldre*, from Latin *fulgur*, from *fulgēre*, to flash; see **bhel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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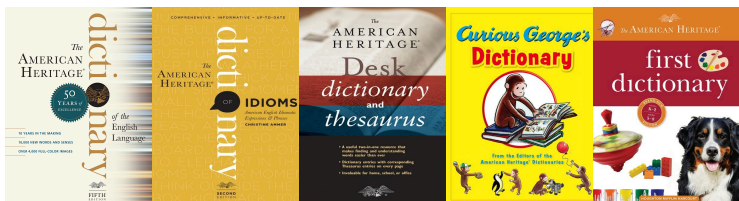
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