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boll  (bōl)

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n.

The seed-bearing capsule of certain plants, especially cotton and flax.

[Middle English, from Middle Dutch *bolle*, round object; see **bhel-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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Böll  (bœl), **Heinrich Theodor** 1917-1985.

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German writer whose works, such as *The Clown* (1963), examine the psychological and societal effects of World War II on the German people. He won the 1972 Nobel Prize for literature.

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