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n.

1. A woman who keeps a brothel; a madam.
2. A woman prostitute.

[Middle English, probably from Old French *baud*, merry, licentious, from Old Saxon *bald*, bold, merry; see **bhel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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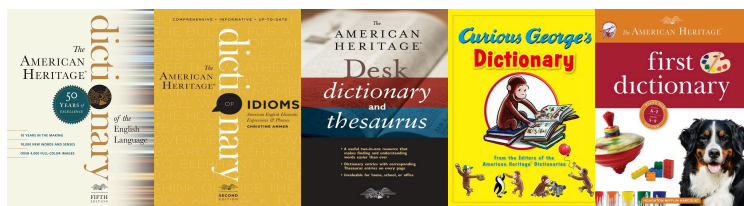
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