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n.

1. An affectedly elegant literary style of the late 1500s and early 1600s, characterized by elaborate alliteration, antitheses, and similes.
2. Affected elegance of language.

[After *Euphues*, a character in *Euphues, the Anatomy of Wit* and *Euphues and his England* by John Lyly, from Greek *euphuēs*, shapely : *eu-*, *eu-* + *phuein*, to grow, bring forth; see *bheua-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

eu phu·ist *n.*

eu'phu·is tic, **eu'phu·is ti·cal** *adj.*

eu'phu·is ti·cal·ly *adv.*

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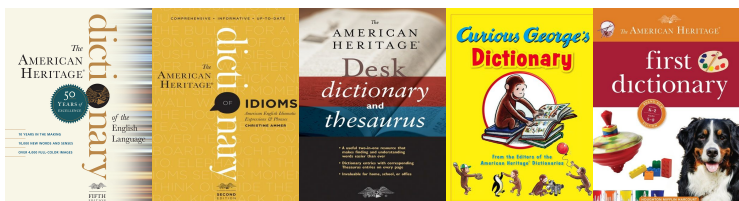
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