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frat·ri·cide  (frăt rĭ-sĭd')

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n.

1.

a. The killing of one's brother or sister.

b. One who has killed one's brother or sister.

2. The accidental killing of an ally caused by a discharge of a military weapon.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *frātricīdium* and *frātricīda* : *frāter*, *frātr*-, brother; see **bhrāter**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *-cīdium* and *-cīda*, *-cide*.]

frat'ri·cid al (-sĭd l) *adj.*

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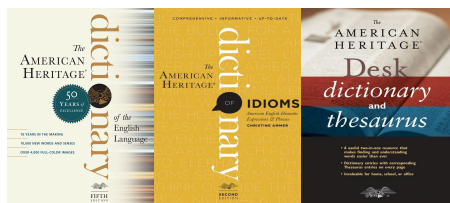
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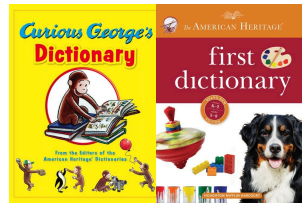
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