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adj.

Full of twists and turns; tortuous.

[Late Latin *ānfractuōsus*, from Latin *ānfractus*, winding : *am-*, *ambi-*, around; see [AMBI-](#) + *fractus*, past participle of *frangere*, to break; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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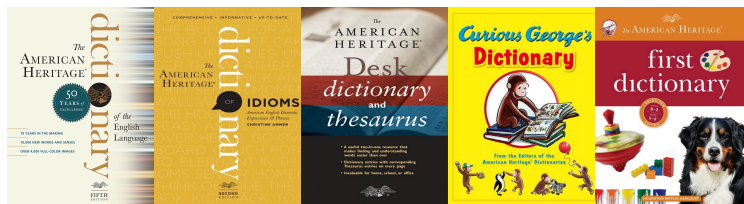
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