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1. A deciduous eastern North American tree (*Sassafras albidum*) having irregularly lobed leaves and aromatic bark, leaves, and roots.
2. The dried root bark of this plant, used as a source of safrole and formerly as a flavoring.

[Spanish *sasafrás*, from Late Latin *saxifragia*, kind of herb, variant of (*herba*) *saxifraga*, saxifrage; see [SAXIFRAGE](#).]

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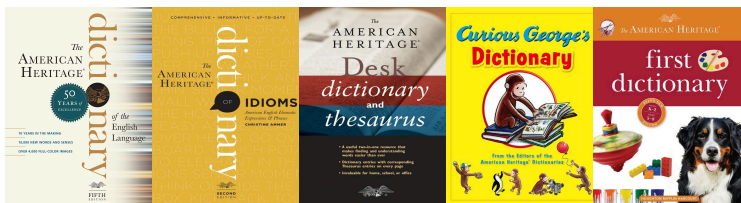
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