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tr.v. **pur·loined, pur·loin·ing, pur·loins**

To steal, especially in a stealthy way. See Synonyms at [steal](#).

[Middle English *purloinen*, to remove, entice (a person) away, carry off (valuables), from Anglo-Norman *purloigner*, to delay, prolong, set aside : *pur-*, away (from Latin *prō-*; see [PRO-](#)¹) + *loign*, far (from Latin *longē*, from *longus*, long; see [del-](#)¹ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots).]

pur·loin *er n.*

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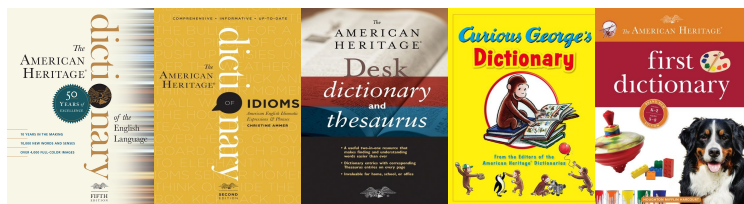
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