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n.

Greek Mythology

A divinity presiding over forests and trees; a wood nymph.

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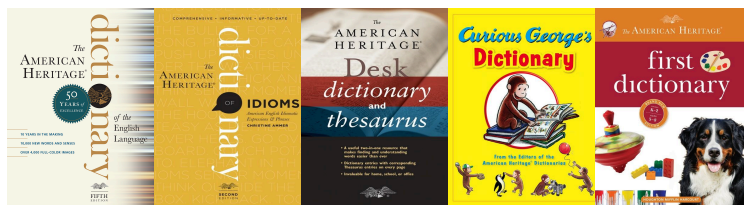
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