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beau  (bō)

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n. pl. beaux or beaux (bōz)

1. A male companion or friend with whom one has a sexual or romantic relationship.
2. A dandy; a fop.

[French, from *beau*, *bel*, handsome, from Latin *bellus*; see *deu*-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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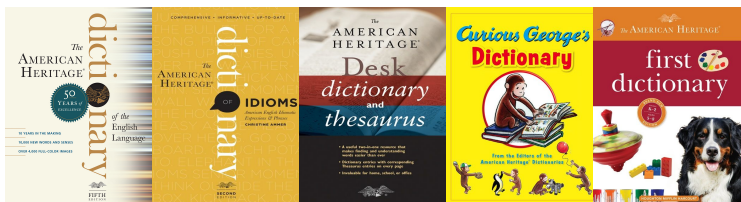
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