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To leave quickly and secretly and hide oneself, often to avoid arrest or prosecution.

[Latin *abscondere*, to hide : *abs-*, *ab-*, away; see [AB](#)¹ + *condere*, to put; see *dhē-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ab·scond *er n.*

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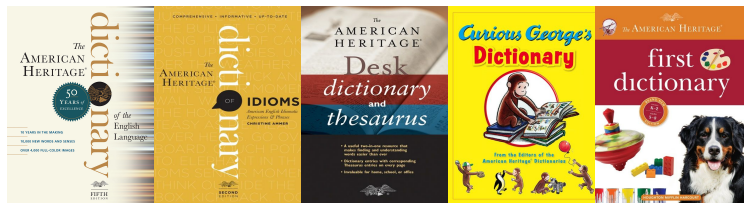
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