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n.

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2. An object of unreasonably excessive attention or reverence: *made a fetish of punctuality*.
3. Something, such as a material object or nonsexual part of the body, that arouses sexual desire and may become necessary for sexual gratification.
4. An abnormally obsessive preoccupation or attachment; a fixation.

[French *fétiche*, from Portuguese *feitiço*, artificial, charm, from Latin *facticius*, artificial; see [FACTITIOUS](#).]



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fetish

a Native American bear fetish, believed to have spiritual powers

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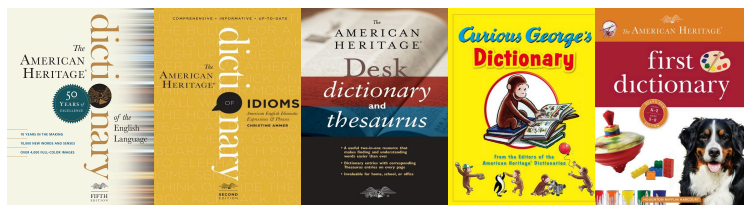
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