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adj.
Infamous by way of being extremely wicked.
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ne·far i·ous·ly *adv.*

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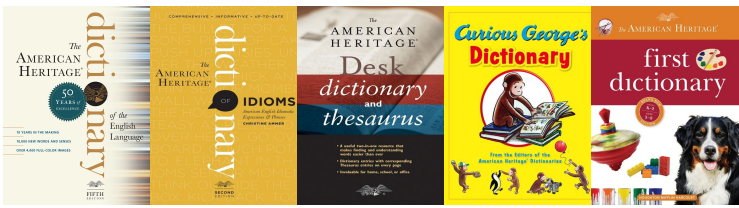
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