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sam·hit·a (sūm hīt-ə)

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n.

Any of the collections of sacred hymns constituting the metrical portions of the Vedas.

[Sanskrit *saṃhitā*, collection, from feminine past participle of *samdadhāti*, he puts together, collects : *sa-*, together; see *sem-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dadhāti*, he puts; see *dhē-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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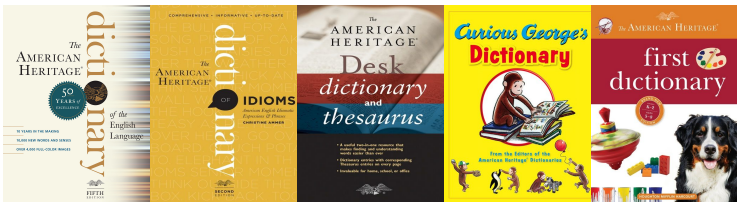
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