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n. pl. en·do·the·li·a (-lē-ə)

A thin layer of flat epithelial cells that lines serous cavities, lymph vessels, and blood vessels.

[New Latin *endothelium* : [ENDO-](#) + Greek *thēlē*, nipple; see [dhē\(i\)-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

en'do-the li-al, en'do-the li-oid' *adj.*

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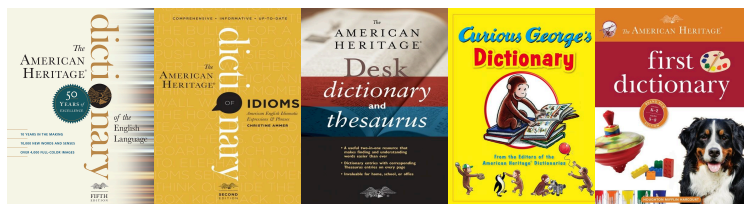
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