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1.

a. The secret publication and distribution of government-banned literature in the former Soviet Union.

b. The literature produced by this system.

2. An underground press.

[Russian : *sam*, self; see **sem**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *izdatel'stvo*, publishing house (from *izdat'*, to publish, on the model of *Gosizdat*, State Publishing House : *iz*, from, out of; see **eghs** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *dat'*, to give; see **dō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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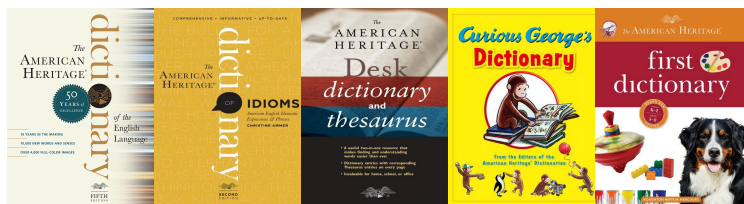
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