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1. An operatic prima donna.
2. A very successful singer of nonoperatic music: *a jazz diva*.
3. *Slang* A person who demands that attention be paid to their needs, especially without regard to anyone else's needs or feelings.

[Italian, from Latin *dīva*, goddess, feminine of *dīvus*, god; see **dyeu-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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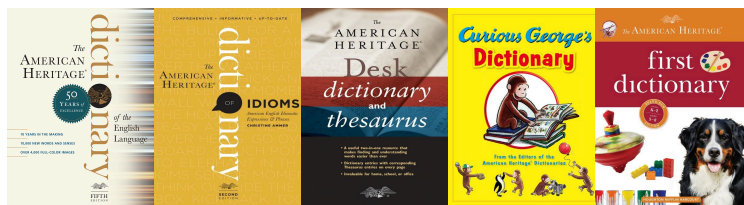
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