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A Sanskrit epic, traditionally attributed to Valmiki, that concerns the banishment of Rama from his kingdom, the abduction of his wife Sita by a demon and her rescue, and Rama's eventual restoration to the throne.

[Sanskrit *Rāmāyaṇam*, the going of Rama : *Rāmaḥ*, Rama + *ayanam*, a going, way (from *eti*, *ay-*, he goes; see [ei-in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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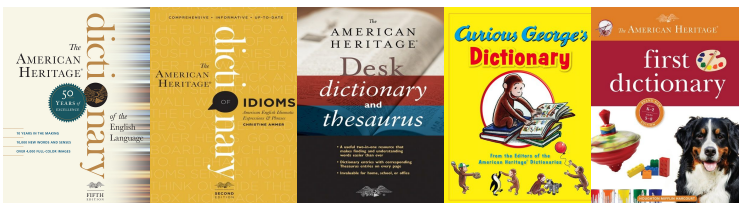
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