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Mythology

A monster having the wings, claws, and head of a griffin and the body and hindquarters of a horse.

[French *hippogriffe*, from Italian *ippogrifo* : Greek *hippos*, horse; see **ekwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Italian *grifo*, griffin (from Latin *grȳphus*; see [GRIFFIN](#)).]

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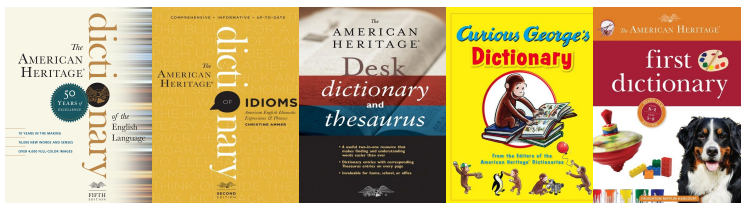
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