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n.

1. The now illegal act or practice of a Hindu widow's cremating herself on her husband's funeral pyre in order to fulfill her true role as wife.
2. *pl.* **sut·tees** also **sa·tis** A widow who commits such an act.

[Sanskrit *satī*, virtuous woman, suttee, from feminine present participle of *asti*, s-, she is, is true; see **es-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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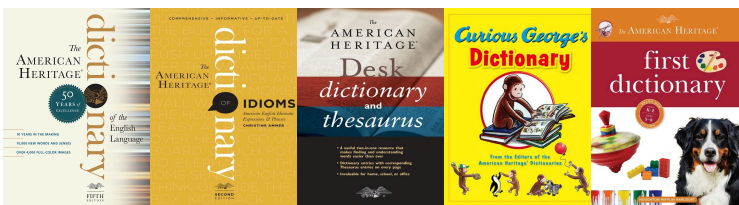
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