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n.

1. One who produces or creates.
2. *Anthropology* A natural father or mother.

[Middle English *genitour*, from Old French *genitor*, from Latin, from *genitus*, past participle of *gignere*, to beget; see *gena-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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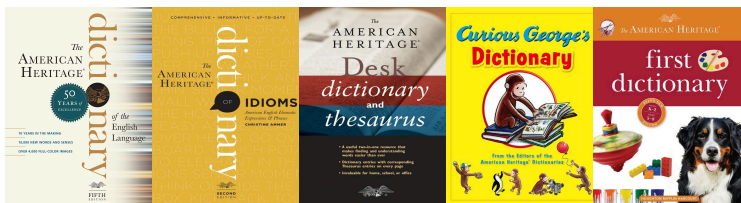
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