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glam·our also **glam·or**  (glām ər)

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n.

1. Exciting or mysterious attractiveness usually associated with striking physical beauty, luxury, or celebrity.
2. *Archaic* Magic cast by a spell; enchantment.

[Scots, magic spell, alteration of [GRAMMAR](#) (from the association of learning with magic).]

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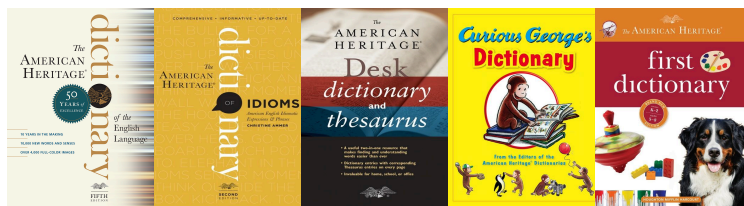
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