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adj. quaint·er, quaint·est

1. Charmingly odd, especially in an old-fashioned way: *"Sarah Orne Jewett ... was dismissed by one critic as merely a New England old maid who wrote quaint, plotless sketches of late 19th-century coastal Maine"* (James McManus).
2. *Archaic* Unfamiliar or unusual in character; strange: *quaint dialect words*.
3. *Archaic* Cleverly made or done.

[Middle English *queinte*, *cointe*, clever, cunning, peculiar, from Old French, clever, from Latin *cognitus*, past participle of *cognōscere*, to learn; see [COGNITION](#).]

quaint **ly** *adv.*

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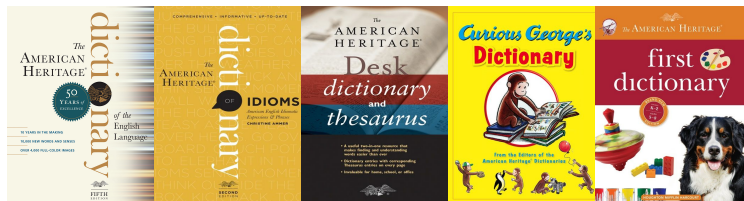
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