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2. A dark to very dark red.

[Middle English, from Old French *grenate*, from *grenat*, pomegranate-red, probably from Latin *grānātum*, pomegranate, from neuter of *grānātus*, seedy; see [POMEGRANATE](#).]

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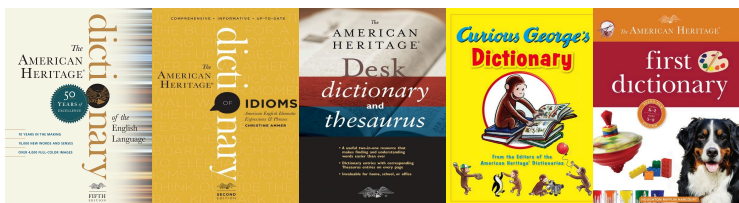
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