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n.

Vigor; vivacity: "*She tells their story with brio and a mixture of sympathy and tart insight*" (Michiko Kakutani).

[Italian, from Spanish *brío* or Provençal *briu*, both of Celtic origin; see **g^wera-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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