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1. *Law* To leave or give (personal property) by will.
2. To pass (something) on to another; hand down: *bequeathed to their children a respect for hard work.*

[Middle English *biquethen*, from Old English *becwethan* : *be-*, *be-* + *cwethan*, to say; see **g^wet-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

be·queath al, **be·queath ment** *n.*

be·queath er *n.*

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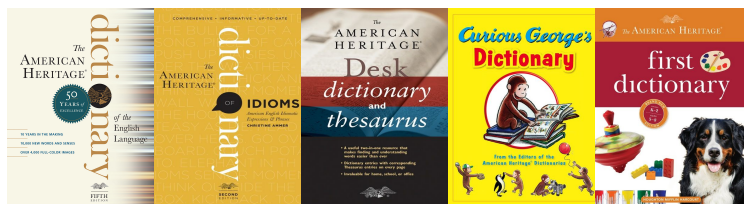
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