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n.

1. A writer of poems.
2. One who is especially gifted in the perception and expression of the beautiful or lyrical: "[He] was the bard of the bird feeder, the poet of the small and homey" ([Bill McKibben](#)).

[Middle English, from Old French *poete*, from Latin *poēta*, from Greek *poiētēs*, maker, composer, from *poiein*, to create; see **k^wei-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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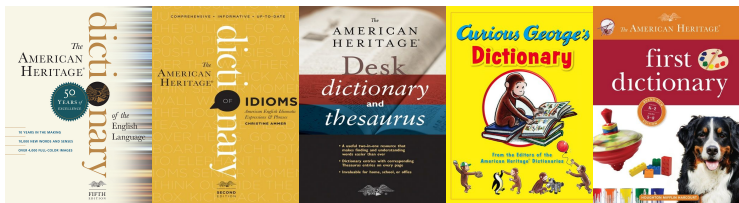
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