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n.

A person having white ancestors except for one black grandparent. Used especially as a classification under certain European colonial legal systems and now considered offensive.

[Alteration of Spanish *cuarterón*, from *cuarto*, quarter, from Latin *quārtus*; see **k^wetwer-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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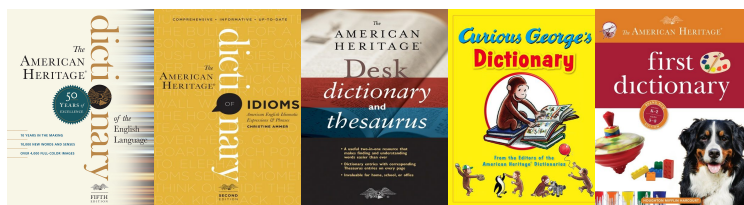
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