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[Portuguese and obsolete Spanish *corpo santo*, both from Latin *corpus s̄anctum*, holy body : *corpus*, body; see **k^wrep-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *s̄anctus*, holy, past participle of *sanc̄ire*, to consecrate; see **sak-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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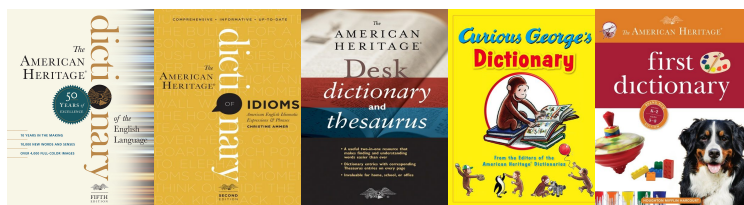
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