

Ex-cal-i-bur /ek-'skal-a-bər/ n (OF Escalibor, fr. ML Caliburnus): the legendary sword of King Arthur received from the hands of the Lady of the Lake, to whom it was returned after Arthur was mortally wounded in the last battle against Mordred. It had a scabbard whose wearer could lose no blood. Some versions of the romance call it "Mirandoise." There seems, however, to have been also another sword called Excalibur in the early part of the story. This was the sword, plunged deep into a stone, which could be drawn forth only by the man who was to be king. After 200 knights had failed, Arthur drew it out without difficulty.

²Excalibur: title of Camden Military Academy's yearbook.

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