

Nine Quechua-Qolla Narratives: Peruvian Folktale Texts *

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"Hay un lamentable contraste entre la importancia de la narrativa y de la poesía quechua para el estudio de la cultura andina y el muy exiguo material recopilado."

(JOSÉ MARÍA ARGUEDAS 1968: 84)

The dearth of publications on Andean narrative, lamented by JOSÉ MARÍA ARGUEDAS a decade ago, still continues even though the number of anthropologists specializing in Andean ethnology has increased considerably during the intervening period. Oral traditions in highland peasant communities are

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