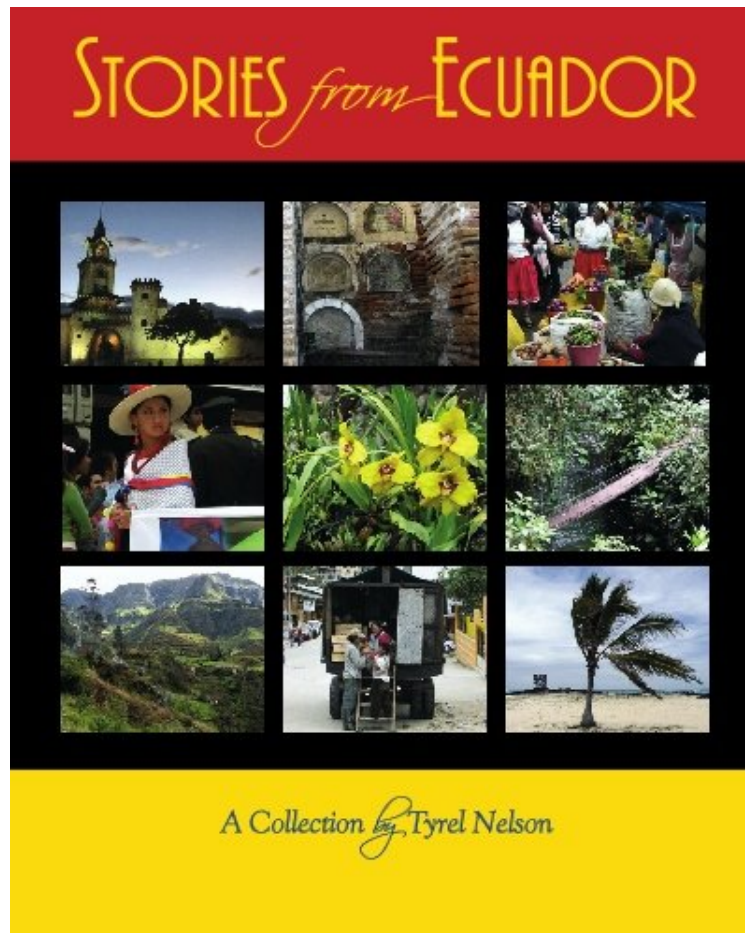


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By Thomas McCallum
This remarkable book of short stories by Tyrel Nelson takes the reader into Ecuador through the nation's back door and escorts him, sometimes astride a mule on a mountain trail, through the country in a way that no formal tourist guidebook ever could. Instead of exploring the glittering night life of the capital city, or viewing historical monuments from the colonial era, the carefully-woven narratives transmit the feeling of immersion in an unexpectedly rich and diverse environment for which the ordinary reader has little frame of reference. Filtered through the narrator's emotional responses and experiences in this novel cultural milieu, the texts evoke the deeply-felt awe and admiration rooted in the writer's heart. "Stories of Ecuador" is an ideal companion best sampled one story at a time leaving moments for reflection and meditation between each text to appreciate the author's keen ability for cultural discourse analysis couched in an autobiographically-rich memoir. Highly recommended!

Stories from Ecuador is a collection of honest, first-hand accounts of the most memorable people, places, and moments from a young man's year-long journey in Latin America. Setting off from Quito to begin his training to teach English (TESOL), you tag along traversing the Ecuadorian countryside surrounding Cuenca, as Nelson documents his experiences and transformation from a Minnesota native into a true citizen of the world. Using the rich landscape as the backdrop for his stories, he not only demonstrates a keen eye for cultural and historical detail but an artist's flare for blending personal perspective with the necessary attributes of a solid narrative. From the encounters with his quirky landlord and neighbors in Cuenca to quixotic adventures with his brother, Nelson serves up a colorful mix of tales incorporating levity, beauty and even boredom, in an unexpected and refreshing way. --Daniel Patrick Holmay

About the Author
To satisfy a seemingly insatiable appetite for adventure and learning, Nelson's travels have included accompanying his mother to her homeland (the Philippines), living and studying abroad in Nicaragua, Venezuela and Spain, as well as leading trips to Honduras and exploring the Yucatan. Even with a diagnosable lust for life abroad, Nelson continues to call Minnesota home. He continues to write and plan many future adventures. --Daniel Patrick Holmay