CONTENTS

Preface	ix
Acknowledgments	xiii
Introduction	1
Raising Children in Poverty	1
Village Structure, Living Conditions, and Subsistence Strategies	2
Fieldwork and Research Methods	6
Change: For Better or for Worse	10
Central Ideas of Chapters	14
Chapter 1. From the Womb to the Cradle	16
Pregnancy and Its Prevention	16
Giving Birth	19
Caring for the Newborn	24
Unuchakuy – An Ancient Rite of Baptism	27
When Things Go Wrong at Birth	29
Sick Infants	30
Chapter 2. Early Childhood	33
Learning to Care in a Culture of Respect	33
Enculturation and Socialization	36
Becoming Part of the Adult World	43
Children's Rights and Responsibilities	47
A Typical Day with a Chillihuani Family	52
Disabled Children	57
When Death Comes Too Soon	59
Chapter 3. Children at Play and Work	62
Developing Creativity through Play	62
Games Children Play	67
Children at Work	71

Chapter 4. The Many Faces of Learning Laying the Foundations for Creative and Holistic Thinking Schooling in Chillihuani A New School Curriculum Mathematics—The Favorite Topic of Chillihuani Children Weaving and Mathematics	82		
	83		
	85		
	88 90 98		
		Chapter 5. Rituals and Ceremonies on Top of the World	109
		Pukllay—An Ancient Way to Play and Celebrate	110
Suyay Ch'isin—The First Night of Rituals	115		
Ch'allaska in Honor of the Family Herds	122		
Dancing amid Thunder and Lightning	128		
Chapter 6. Adolescence: A Time of Many Challenges	135		
Gender Complementarity and Cooperation	138		
An Adolescence Free from Stress?	141		
Approaching Adult Life	143		
Rondas Campesinas: Strengthening Solidarity and Self-Defense	147		
Chapter 7. Building a Society of Respect	150		
What Makes for a Happy Childhood?	151		
Learning the Skills for Life	155		
Adolescents' Integration into Adulthood	156		
What Does It Take to Build a Society of Respect?	159		
Notes	161		
Glossary	179		
Bibliography	187		
Index	205		