



"Nada somos, parcerito...". El papel del narratario en "La virgen de los sicarios" de Fernando Vallejo [

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