The FOCAL Essay Contest

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Supporting the LAPL Children's Department

For Students in Grades 3 - 8

The FOCAL Award is presented annually to an author for a creative work that enriches a child's appreciation for and understanding of California.

The 2020 award goes to —

Todos Iguales: Un Corrido de Lemon Grove = All Equal : A Ballad of Lemon Grove

(New York: Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee &amp; Low Books Inc., [2019])
Christy Hale     (call number: S x 370 H161)

Three essay winners will be invited to the FOCAL Award Luncheon on September 5, 2020, receive a copy of the autographed, award winning book, and meet the authors and illustrator. Their teacher and a parent will also receive a complimentary ticket to the award luncheon where the winners will read their essays.

To enter the contest: Read the book, available at your school library, public library or bookstore. Compose an essay carefully following the directions on the entry form (300 words maximum) and submit by May 30. Directions and entry forms are available on our website: focalcentral.org