



# THE FOCAL ESSAY CONTEST

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**For Students in Grades 3 - 8**

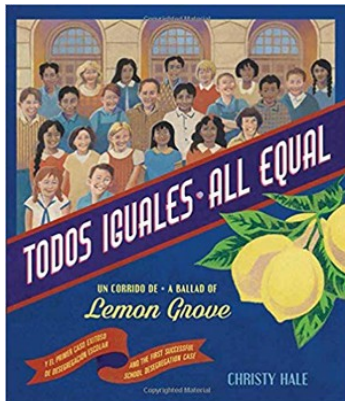


The FOCAL Award is presented annually to an author for a creative work that enriches a child's appreciation for and understanding of California.

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 & Low Books Inc., [2019]) Christy Hale  
(call number: S x 370 H161)



Three essay winners will be invited to the FOCAL Award Luncheon and receive a copy of the award winning book. Their teacher and a parent will also receive an invitation to the award luncheon where each winner will read his/her essay aloud. The 2020 FOCAL Award will be celebrated via Zoom on Saturday, October 10, 2020 via Zoom. Directions will be forthcoming.

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 **OCTOBER 10, 2020**. Directions and entry forms are available on our website: <http://focalcentral.org>