Author - Editor - Producer - Food Stylist

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Virginia's wide and varied food career started in Atlanta as an apprentice to Nathalie Dupree. She worked with Dupree on four PBS series and cookbooks, including the James Beard award-winning *Comfortable Entertaining*. She also spent several years as an editorial assistant with culinary authority Anne Willan on various projects including *Cook It Right*, an exhaustive tome that documents the various states of "doneness" (and over- and under-"doneness") of everything from whipped cream to braised pheasant.

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