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ABC News
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The Washington Post
Ladies Home Journal
Publisher's Weekly
Paula Deen: Food Network
MARTHA Stewart Living Television
Chicago Tribune
Houston Chronicle
San Francisco Chronicle
House Beautiful
Country Living
Atlanta Journal-Constitution
FamilyFun Magazine
Real Simple TV
Saveur.com
SteamyKitchen.com
CNN.com
Eating Well
Wall Street Journal
CookingChannel.com
USA Today
Food52

SPOKESPERSON

Land'o Lakes
Whole Foods Market
Idaho Potatoes
Avocados from Mexico
Gold Peak Iced Tea
Duke's Mayonnaise
Springer Mountain Farms All-Natural Chicken

Virginia Willis is a chef, food writer, spokesperson, and popular blogger at www.virginiawillis.com. She also is a culinary TV producer, professional recipe developer, and social media authority.



Her legion of fans love her knack for giving classic French dishes a down-home Southern feel and reimagining homey Southern favorites *en Française*.

Building on the success of the critically acclaimed *Bon Appétit, Y'all*, nominated by the IACP as Best American cookbook of 2008, her current book, *Basic to Brilliant, Y'all: 150 Refined Southern Recipes and Ways to Dress them Up for Company* has been equally well received and acknowledged by Food & Wine magazine as having one of the best recipes of 2011 and FOX News as one of the Top Ten Cookbooks for 2011.

TELEVISION EXPERIENCE

Producer:

Credits Include: *Epicurious*, *The Discovery Channel*, *Home Plate with Marvin Woods*, *Shirley Corriher's Kitchen Secrets Revealed!*

Kitchen Director:

The Main Ingredient, *Bobby Flay Family and Friends*, *Southern Memories*, *Nathalie Dupree*
Martha Stewart Living Television

Guest Appearances:

- Martha Stewart Living Television
 - Mad Hungry TV
- Paula Deen's Best Dishes
 - Real Simple TV
- Throwdown with Bobby Flay

EXPERTISE

American
Classic Technique
Southern
French

COOKBOOKS

Basic to Brilliant, Y'all (Fall 2011)

Author

Bon Appétit, Y'all (Spring 2008)

Author

Home Plate Cooking

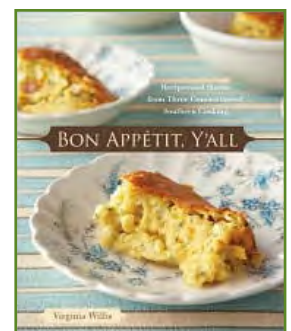
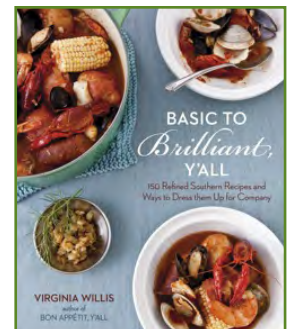
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Virginia Willis is the author of the acclaimed cookbook, *Bon Appétit, Y'all! Recipes and Stories from Three Generations of Southern Cooking* (Ten Speed Press, 2008). Her current book, *Basic to Brilliant, Y'all: Recipes and Recollections of a Southern Culinary Journey* is the lead book for Ten Speed Press for Fall of 2011.

A graduate of L'Academie de Cuisine and Ecole de Cuisine LaVarenne, she previously she honed her attention to detail as the Kitchen Director for Martha Stewart Living Television where she supervised the food segments for the Emmy-award winning television show. With MSLTV, Virginia was also responsible for preparing private meals and events for Martha and her guests -- including among others, President Clinton, Aretha Franklin, and Julia Child. As Executive Producer for *Epicurious* on The Discovery Channel, she traveled the world taping fantastic stories about food - from harvesting capers in the shadow of a smoldering volcano to making authentic mustard in Dijon.

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.

She is a featured chef in *Atlanta Cooks at Home*, was a tester and editor for *The All-New Joy of Cooking*, author of *Pasta Dinners 1,2,3*, and co-author of *Home Plate Cooking*. She has been featured in *House Beautiful*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *ABCnews.com*. Her work has appeared in *Country Living*, *Family Fun*, and *Taste of the South*. She has appeared on *Real Simple Television*, *Martha Stewart Living Television*, *Paula Deen's Best Dishes*, and in TV commercials for *Duke's Mayonnaise*. As a nationally recognized culinary professional her client list includes *Calphalon*, *Char-Broil*, *The Coca Cola Company*, *Fresh Express*, *Olive Garden*, and *Whole Foods Market*.

Virginia is on the national board of *Women Chefs and Restaurateurs* as well as the *Atlanta Community Food Bank Advisory Board*. She is a past president of the Atlanta chapter of *Les Dames d'Escoffier*, a member of *Georgia Organics*, the *International Association of Culinary Professionals*, *Southern Foodways Alliance*, and the *American Institute of Wine and Food*.

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