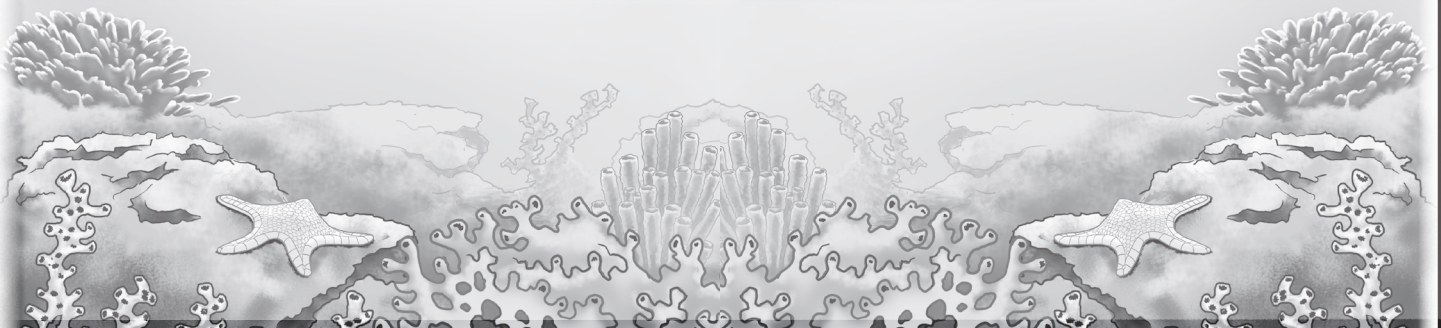


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# Virginia Biede

Graduate Student  
Florida State University

## Studies:

Deep-sea corals, their homes, and how they are able to create homes for other animals.

## Research Focus:

Studies deep-sea coral communities and how they differ across the deep-sea environment.

## Has Studied:

Estuaries in Maine, abyssal plains of the North Atlantic Ocean, and seamounts in the Pacific Ocean.

## Three things Virginia does to help the Earth:

Eats vegetarian diet to decrease carbon footprint. Compost food scraps.  
Tries purchase used goods and clothes as much as possible.

## Something surprising about Virginia:

*Something kids might find surprising is that I am actually a twin!*

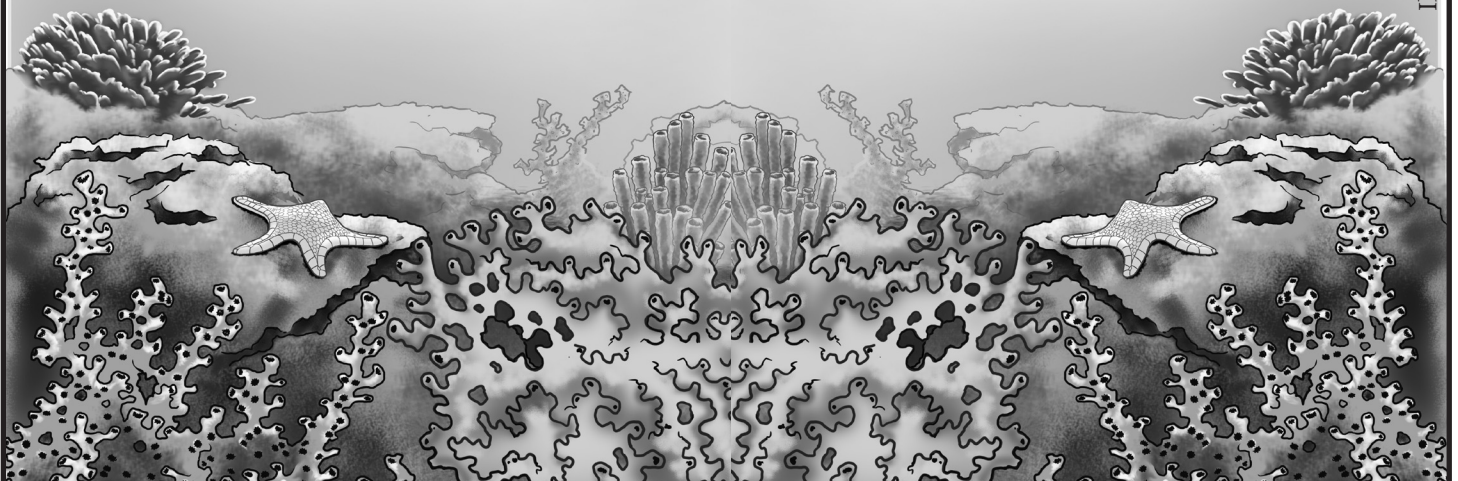


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