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Liz's published work includes poetry as well as professional and academic writing. A magna cum laude graduate of Brandeis University, she spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. On her return, she worked as an editor, while her poems appeared in numerous journals and in two books, *I Am the Daughter* (1981) and *Gifts and Secrets: Poems of the Therapeutic Relationship* (1999). In 1983, she received a CAPS award for poetry from the New York State Council on the Arts.

After fifteen years in publishing, Liz earned a master's degree in social work at Columbia University. She directed alcoholism treatment programs, wrote and lectured widely on addictions, codependency, dysfunctional families, and relationships for the next fifteen years. She also maintained a private practice as a psychotherapist.

In 2001, Liz launched an online therapy website at www.LZcybershrink.com. She maintains a practice on the Internet with clients all over the world and trains therapists in online clinical skills. Her articles have appeared in professional journals in both the US and the UK, and she contributed to a groundbreaking textbook on online counseling.

Liz blogs on Poe's Deadly Daughters. She has served on the boards of the New York chapters of Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime and remains active in both as well as Sisters in Crime's Guppies chapter.

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