

ELIZABETH ZELVIN

Elizabeth Zelvin is a New York city psychotherapist and author of a mystery series featuring recovering alcoholic Bruce Kohler. *Death Will Help You Leave Him*, Minotaur 2009, is a traditional whodunit about addictive relationships and hard choices. Liz's debut mystery, *Death Will Get You Sober*, was nominated for a David award for Best Mystery Novel of 2008 and for an Anthony award for cover design. Bruce also appears in three short stories, two of them nominated for the Agatha award for Best Short Story (2007 and 2009) and the other published in Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine.

Liz's published work includes poetry as well as professional and academic writing. She majored in English at Brandeis University, graduating magna cum laude. Next, she spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, where she taught English to French-speaking students. She also performed her own songs on Ivoirien radio and television. On her return, Liz found a job in publishing and began writing poetry. 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 poetry award from the New York State Council on the Arts.

After fifteen years as a textbook and reference book editor, Liz attended Columbia University, earning a master's degree in social work, and also obtained a credential in alcoholism counseling. Liz directed a treatment program on the Bowery for homeless alcoholics and drug addicts for six years and has worked with many couples and individuals with relationship issues in her private practice as a psychotherapist over more than twenty years. She coedited *Gender and Addictions: Men and Women in Treatment*, a main selection of the Psychotherapy Book Club.

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 experienced traditional 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.

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