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*What Keeps People Stuck
in Bad Relationships*

WITH

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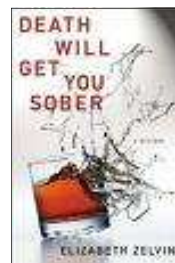
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Why do people stay in bad relationships? Why do so many of us pick partners who are unavailable emotionally, physically, or legally? Why does anybody love somebody who's abusive or addicted? There are several good clinical reasons, having nothing to do with reason, intelligence, or common sense, why it's so hard for many to stop loving people who are bad for them. The problem is compounded by what our culture tells us about love. Everybody wants the kind of love we see in movies and hear about in popular songs. But that expectation often leads to chronic dissatisfaction with the relationships we have and a tendency to choose unwisely in seeking the love we want. Novelist and psychotherapist **ELIZABETH ZELVIN**, whose most recent mystery deals with love addiction and codependency, talks about these painful and misunderstood issues.

About the presenter:

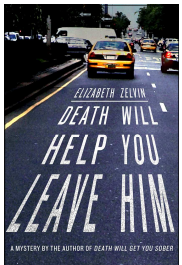
ELIZABETH ZELVIN, LCSW, is a New York City psychotherapist who has written and lectured widely on codependency, relationships, and addictions. She currently treats individuals and couples online at www.LZcybershrink.com.



She is also the author of a mystery series featuring recovering alcoholic Bruce Kohler and his friends. Her debut mystery, *Death Will Get You Sober*, is a whodunit about recovery, friendship, and getting a second chance.

The sequel, her latest book, *Death Will Help You Leave Him*, is about an abusive relationship that leads to a murder that Bruce must investigate while struggling with his own love addiction. It focuses on dysfunctional and addictive relationships and explores how people change in recovery.

Learn more about her mysteries at her author website at www.elizabethzelvin.com.



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