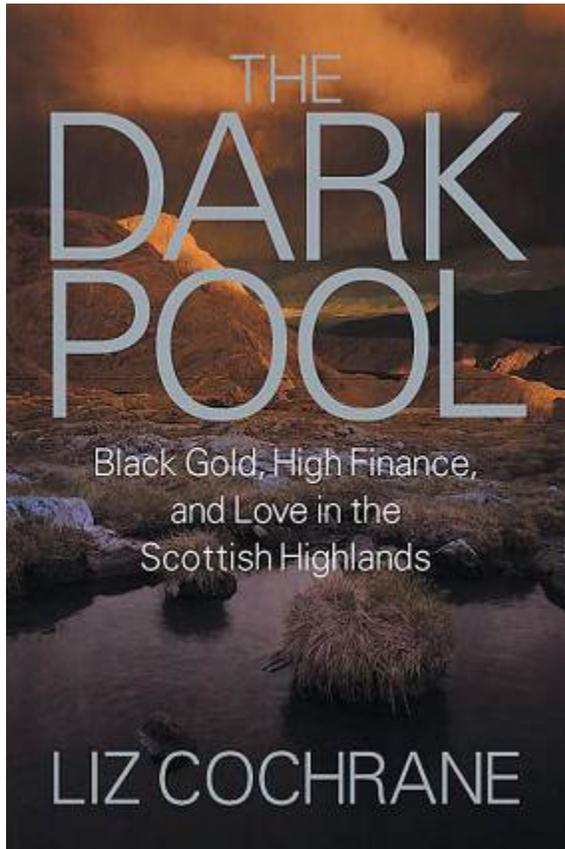


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Suspense Novel Set in the Scottish Highlands Sees History Repeating Itself

In 1997, a body surfaces in the remote Highlands of Scotland in Blairhyle's notorious dark pool, supposedly a peat bog, and a shady businessman named Dalhousie learns the area's secret.

Historian Eks Jones, a young widow, is writing a book on the Highland Clearances, the forced depopulation of the Scottish Highlands 200 years earlier. Learning that a handful had survived the 1793 Blairhyle Clearance and eventually founded the tiny village of Crannog, she goes to live there and meets Mikel, the love of her life. Their wedding plans are on hold because history threatens to repeat itself. Crannog is threatened with demolition to make way for a pipeline.

Dalhousie has announced a mega oil strike in Blairhyle and has conned the government into backing him. But MI5 has investigated Dalhousie

and sets up a sting operation to entrap him. What will happen when Eks joins a community group to fight the government and save the village? The novel's title – *The Dark Pool: Black Gold, High Finance, and Love in the Scottish Highlands* – says it all!

***THE DARK POOL: BLACK GOLD, HIGH FINANCE, AND LOVE IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS* (ISBN: 978-1-62857-234-6) is now available for \$16.50 and can be ordered through the publisher's website:**

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