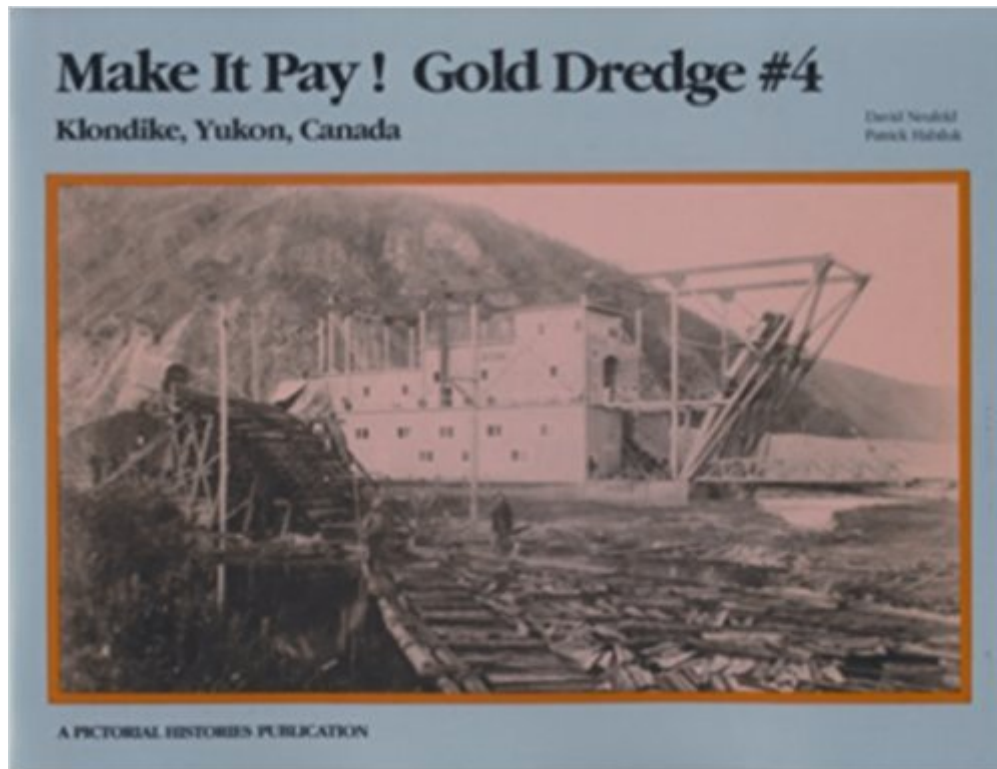




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I purchased this on a recent visit to Dawson, where I was able to see the restored Dredge #4. The thing is massive. This booklet does a good job of explaining the history of Dredge #4, and of making clear how that history fit into the broader history of the Klondike gold fields. It goes beyond the physical story of the dredge to describe the men and women, and the business and logistical organization, that kept the dredge working. The booklet is short (it took me an hour and a half to read the 64 pages), and well illustrated (70 to 80 pictures and maps). It's a good value for the money. Gold dredging originated in New Zealand in the 1860s, and was introduced into

the Klondike gold fields in 1905. Dredge #4 began operations in the Klondike River valley in 1913; in 1940-41 most of her components were moved to Bonanza Creek, where she was rebuilt. She finally stopped operations in 1959. In 1960, she sank in a spring flood. In 1991-1993, she was raised and restored as a historical monument. The description of the planning and the work needed to do this is fascinating. If you get to Dawson, be sure to go to the Dawson City Visitor Information Center to see the incredibly detailed model of #4 by Brian Pate. Pate even modeled the coffee mugs in the break room!

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