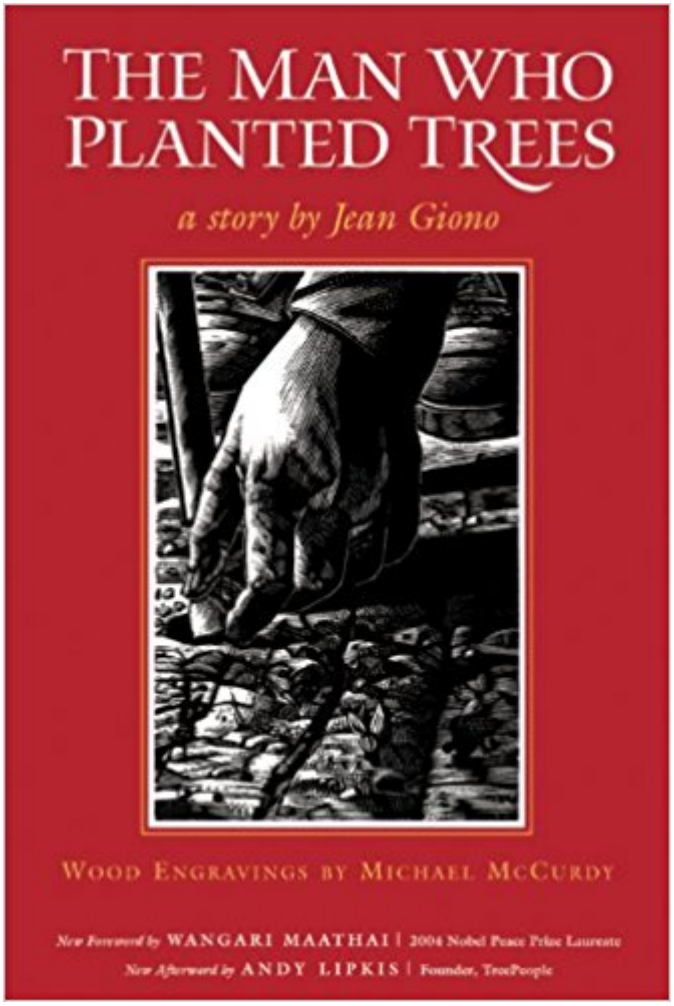
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Synopsis

Twenty years ago Chelsea Green published the first trade edition of The Man Who Planted Trees, a timeless eco-fable about what one person can do to restore the earth. The hero of the story, ElzÃƒÂ©ard Bouffier, spent his life planting one hundred acorns a day in a desolate, barren section of Provence in the south of France. The result was a total transformation of the landscape-from one devoid of life, with miserable, contentious inhabitants, to one filled with the scent of flowers, the songs of birds, and fresh, flowing water. Since our first publication, the book has sold over a quarter of a million copies and inspired countless numbers of people around the world to take action and plant trees. On National Arbor Day, April 29, 2005, Chelsea Green released a special twentieth anniversary edition with a new foreword by Wangari Maathai, winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize and founder of the African Green Belt Movement.

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Customer Reviews

The Man Who Planted Trees is not a detailed how-to guide to planting; it is a touching story of ElzÃƒÂ©ard Bouffier, who devoted his entire life to reforesting a desolate portion of Provence, in southern France. He single-handedly planted 100 acorns each day before, through, and after two world wars, and transformed a sorrowful place into one full of life and joy. Jean Giono's words offer a tribute to how much good one person can accomplish in a lifetime and advise on how to live life with deep meaning. Illustrated with moving, beautiful wood engravings by Michael McCurdy, The Man Who Planted Trees is simply written but powerful and unforgettable. The text is also available

on tape, eloquently narrated by Robert J. Lurtsema and accompanied by music from the Paul Winter Consort. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

"A timeless classic, ideal to read aloud for hope, for love of the green and living worldÃ¢â ¬â •and for marveling at the resilient beauty of nature."--Branches of Light "In Giono's work what every sensitive, full-blooded individual ought to be able to recognize at once is 'the song of the world.'"--Henry Miller --This text refers to the Paperback edition. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

A friend recently discovered the writings of Jean Giono and recommended this writer to me. I'd never heard of him so I started by seeing what I could find out about him on the web. I learned he had made available for free the entire text of THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES to anyone who wanted to use it, including an American who wanted to print 100,000 copies to distribute free of charge. In his response to authorize this use, Giono wrote: "I believe it is time for us to have a 'policy of the tree.'" I am a retired public policy analyst, and that verbiage piqued my interest immediately. My initial interest was rewarded many times over by the experience of reading Giono's short narrative about the man who planted trees, and I have now read it several times and listened to an audible version of it on cassette tape. Like the other Giono writings I have now read, THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES is not just beautifully written -- although certainly that -- but also beautifully conceived as an homage to aspects of humanity that make the world a better place.

I have had a copy of this book for over ten years, I loaned it to everyone I could. The last time I loaned it, it didn't come back. So, I bought the edition shown here. This has woodblock art in with it, beautiful work. I read the book every now and then because it is uplifting. The way Mr. Giono wrote it is so vivid, it's like you are there. It's actually a short story and takes about 20 - 30 minutes to read. But it has a high re-readability factor. Get this and share with your children, a friend who is down in the dumps, or buy one for the school library.A re-assuring, peaceful, wonderful story with a simple, unforgettable message.

Whether or not the author intended it, the main character exudes theological typologies of Christ. Perhaps this is my own projection as a lover of theology but I see practical Christology splayed across this simple and beautiful narrative.

I used to live on an acre of land in the suburbs of Boston. My next-door neighbor was a retired college professor, scholar, farmer, New England resourceful - use it till it can't be used any more and then use it for something else - kind of guy. He taught me to make garden implements out of scrap wood or unused material and gave me the book The Man Who Planted Trees. He taught me to revere growing things. I planted more than fifty trees on my property.This wonderful tale has been reviewed by professionals so I won't attempt it. I can, however, share the memory of my neighbor and state that this book is a pleasure to read.

A beautiful little book about ecosystems and how the work of a man can rebuild them.Clearly the work of a master of his craft who well understands the matters about which he writes.It's the sort of book you'd like to read again; a book you should read to,your grandkidsYou won't be sorry you bought this book.

Awesome

Fascinating.

The book is good,but not a true story; none the less it shows how one person can make a difference to benefit the earth.

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