



## THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES: A Story

By Giono, Jean; (Translated from the French By Peter Doyle); (Norma L. Goodrich, Afterword)

Chelsea Green Publishing, Chelsea, VT, 1985. Hard Cover. Book Condition: NEW. Dust Jacket Condition: Very Good. Michael McCurdy (Wood Engravings) (illustrator). First Edition, First Printing. Text/BRAND NEW. Green linen boards/Fine. DJ/VG; sound w/closed tear to upper spine corner & trace soiling to lower front leading edge. Fiction. Memoir and biography in form; narrated in the first person. "In order for the character of a human being to reveal truly exceptional qualities, we must have the good fortune to observe its action over a long period of years." So begins French author Jean Giono's (1895 - 1970) tale of Elzéard Bouffier, whom the narrator had the good fortune to know over years. Written (French title: L'homme qui plantait des arbres) in French but first published in English, 1953; this is a re-issue of 1985 w/woodcuts by Michael McCurdy. The young and dehydrated narrator first meets Elzéard Bouffier, a shepherd and sole inhabitant in the desolate, arid foothills of the Alps in Provence dotted only with crumbling evidence of prior human habitation. There, Bouffier, a widowed, middle-aged shepherd is, quite alone, planting acorns gathered from afar. The author (Giono) revisits the bleak valley after soldiering in World War I to find saplings...



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