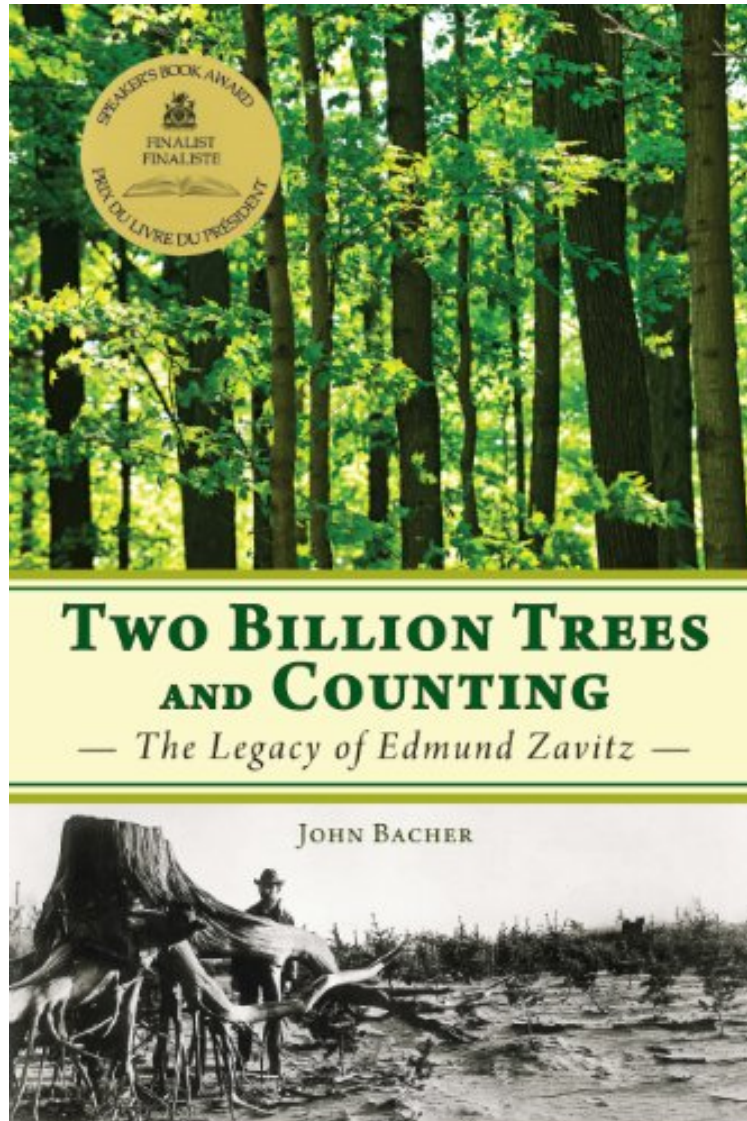


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disasters. To date more than two billion trees have been planted, with more to come.

In *Two Billion Trees and Counting* and *The Legacy of Edmund Zavitz*, John Bacher has given us a meticulously researched and very readable account of a courageous civil servant whose vision and strength of purpose would allow him and his supporters to turn the tide, tripling the forest cover in southern Ontario and starting the conservation authorities and county forest systems we know today. (Returnofthenative.com) Edmund Zavitz has rescued Ontario from the ravages of environmental disasters and more than two billion trees have been planted under his guidance, with more to come. (The Globe and Mail) ... a well-researched accounting of Zavitz's work in a chronology that is easy to follow. I strongly suggest that his story should be written into the grade school history books in this province. (Toronto Star) John Bacher, an environmentalist and historian living in St. Catharines, Ont., has rescued Edmund Zavitz from undeserved obscurity. (Globe and Mail) Informative on several levels, the book serves as both the warning and the voice of hope. (County Roads Magazine) Bacher provides a detailed look at a man whose lifelong efforts helped change the landscape of modern Ontario. *Two Billion Trees and Counting* is a reverential story of someone who was a family man, sportsman, photographer, and, above all, a naturalist. (Canada's History) It's hard to believe as one drives through the lush Ontario landscape that it was not always this way. That's why the photos in John Bacher's *Two Billion Trees and Counting: The Legacy of Edmund Zavitz* (Dundurn, 2011) come as such a shock to the reader. (Ancient Trees Forum (UK)) ... a fascinating presentation. (Flesherton Advance) Lest we think modern generations are the first to care about sustainability of natural resources, St. Catharines conservationist John Bacher sets the record straight. (The Guelph Mercury) From the Inside Flap Edmund Zavitz (1875-1968) is recognized as Ontario's "Father of Reforestation." Due his knowledge of forestry, vision, diligence, and perseverance in the face of opposition, Ontario was rescued from the ravages of environmental disasters. To date more than two billion trees have been planted, with more to come. About the Author John Bacher received his Ph.D. in history from McMaster University in 1985 and has taught at McMaster and the University of Toronto. A co-author of *Get a Life: An Environmentalist's Guide to Better Living*, Bacher is a passionate supporter of environmental preservation. He lives in St. Catharines, Ontario.