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THE JOURNEY TO PALOMAR

AMERICA'S FIRST JOURNEY INTO SPACE

The Journey to Palomar is the story of American astronomer George Ellery Hale's dramatic public and private struggle to build the four largest telescopes in the world, which set the stage for astronomy and space exploration throughout the 20th century, revealing the greatest discoveries since Galileo and Copernicus. More than five years in the making, *The Journey to Palomar* is a beautifully crafted 90-minute documentary that traces Hale's lifelong struggle to build these great telescopes, culminating with the million-pound telescope on Palomar mountain--"the most famous telescope in the world."

The combination of Hale's dramatic personal story set against the backdrop of American history and humankind's reach into the far corners of the universe makes for a film with appeal to viewers of all ages. More information at the program's external website: www.journeypalomar.org

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Includes three special features on the next generation of giant American telescopes:

- James Webb Space Telescope
- Giant Magellan Telescope
- Thirty-Meter Telescope

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