

First Women in Space

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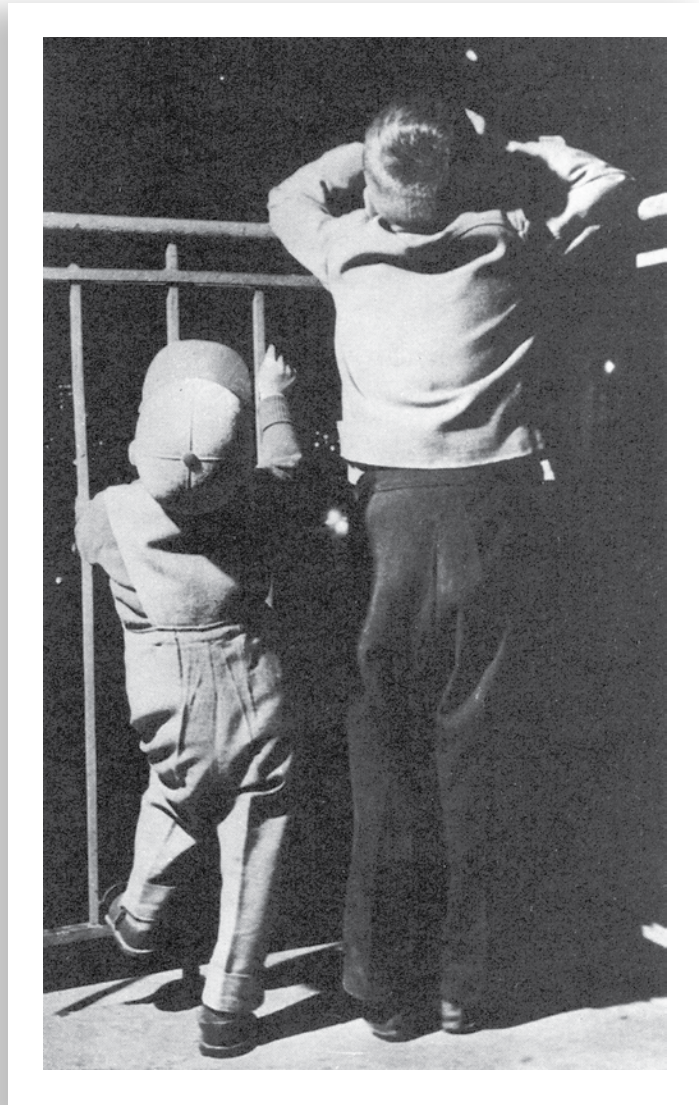
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These boys want to be the first to spot Sputnik, 1957.

The Space Race

It is 1957. The sky is dark. The little boys look to the sky. “Can you see it?” their grandpa asks. The boys see the light move in the sky. The light blinks. “That’s Sputnik,” their grandpa says.