

# **The Measure of the World**

A Technical History of the Royal Observatory

A comprehensive 25-chapter technical history of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, from its founding in 1675 through the 19th century. The book integrates narrative history, mathematical exposition, and instrument analysis, treating precision as a practical achievement built from instruments, mathematics, and institutional habit.

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*For those who built precision  
by hand, by habit, and by refusal to guess.*

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