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The master of wordless picture books returns with this moving retelling of Noah's Ark that speaks to an uncertain future. Long-abandoned structures stretch up from the watery grave of a flooded world as a construction robot, NOA, cares for animals in a defunct zoo. With their makeshift home endangered by an incoming storm, NOA salvages materials for an ark and the found family sets off in search of safety across the endless sea.

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