Emeraldalicious

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When Pinkalicious breaks her tiara and wand in the park, she and her brother, Peter, come up with a solution to fix it. Using sticks, vines, and flowers she is able to create a magic wand, then creates a crown and a cape with flowers and leaves to become the princess of flowers. When they find a large pile of garbage, they decide to continue creating useful things out of it so that the garbage doesn’t stay there. With the magic word “love” they are able to turn the garbage into beautiful things, including turning the garbage dump into an Emeraldalicious Garden.

This book is not the best of the Pinkaliciuos books. For people who are new to the series, it may not be clear that Pinkalicious and her brother are pretending. It could be a good way to introduce children to the idea of recycling, but the book feels like it’s trying too hard to get that message across. The mixed-media illustrations are bright and colorful, but the forced message of the book makes it less charming than it could have been.