Ellen Tebbits

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Beverly Cleary puts you in the shoes of fourth grader Ellen Tebbits in this chapter book. Ellen is quick to please her peers, which can get her into a lot of trouble. She desperately wants to please her teacher as well. Ellen hasn’t been chosen by the teacher to clap erasers outside this year and Otis, her arch rival, has already done it three times already! How unfair! Life can be hard sometimes, but in the end Ellen gets her best friend back and all is right in her world.

Every fourth grader can relate to Ellen Tebbits, who feels lonely because no one on her street is her age. Also, her mom makes her wear long underwear in the winter, which is not considered cool in fourth grade, especially when she is required to change with all the other girls in her ballet class. With a mix of humor and real life problems, students will easily relate to Ellen Tebbits, making this book the perfect read-aloud. Children who are comfortable reading short chapter books would also appreciate this story and its accessible length and style.