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Chet and Bernie—everybody's favorite human-canine detective team—return in an e-original short story that gives Chet's best friend Iggy his moment in the spotlight.

Iggy is a dog who doesn't get out much, so it's big news when elderly Mr. Parsons knocks on Bernie's door to say that Iggy has vanished. In the search for Iggy, Chet and Bernie find Mrs. Parsons unconscious on her bedroom floor, in need of urgent medical care. But it's only when they arrive at the hospital that things get really interesting.

With a jewel thief making short work of hospital patients' valuables, it seems that Iggy is not alone in disappearing right out from under somebody's nose. Suspects are plentiful and witnesses are few. But when little Iggy reappears, tail wagging, it turns out he holds the key to solving the entire affair.

In addition to a clever caper and the return of much beloved characters, this gem of a short story is a testament to the enduring power of friendship in all its forms: neighbor to neighbor, man to dog, dog to dog. Here is a treat you'll devour in one sitting—rather like Chet with a juicy steak that's been momentarily left unattended!

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Paula says

Cute short story. Dog is narrator for a different point of view.

Kathy says

Chet and Bernie ... and their elderly neighbor Mr. Parsons, and is dog Iggy...

Mr. Parsons comes over one morning to report Iggy is missing,... Bernie and Chet go next door, find the door open, and then Chet discovers Mrs. Parsons is passed out on the floor.

While at the hospital, we get the rest of the story – Iggy had visited Mrs Parsons at the hospital the previous day, and looked so good they sent her home. Before they left, Iggy got away, and was running in and out of rooms... Bernie watches a video of a hall, sees Iggy, goes into the rooms Iggy went into, and finds a woman fussing about the valuable ring she had left in her pillowcase when she went for an MRI... and Chet finds a clump of Iggy's hair under the bed...

With Susan's help (reporter girlfriend) they discover Vince Viles, the current hospital security, was a police chief of a small town, security in a big hospital, won \$300,000 at Vegas, then took the security job at their small hospital... They go to his house, go his back door, where they hear a whimpering Iggy... Vince is hitting him with a belt, wanting him to go to the bathroom... they break in, Chet snatches his arm with the belt, Bernie uppercuts him and knocks him out... Once Iggy relaxes, he poops, and they find the ring...

Another crime solved...

While waiting in hospital for word on wife – “There’s death,” Mr. Parsons said, “and then there’s the suffering before it. Two separate issues.” Two is as far as I go when it comes to counting; can’t beat it, in my opinion “You left out the suffering that comes after,” Bernie said. “For the survivors.”

Chet – “I had a faint memory, like the tiniest wisp of cloud in a clear blue sky.”

Vince Viles.... Susan...

Lis Carey says

Iggy is Chet's best canine friend, the little white dog that lives across the road with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons. Iggy doesn't get out much, because he's far too clever at eluding the fence, and the elderly Parsons aren't up to chasing him anymore--especially with Mrs. Parsons in ill health.

So it's a big surprise when Mr. Parsons comes over early one morning, awakening Chet and Bernie with the

news that Iggy is missing.

Even more disturbing, at least to Chet, is that he can't pick up any scent trail for Iggy outside. He was in his house, and then he wasn't.

Mrs. Parsons had just been sent home from the hospital, and in the shock of Iggy's disappearance, she collapses and returns to the hospital. And while paying a visit to Mrs. Parsons there, Bernie discovers there's a new head of hospital security, and there has been a rash of thefts of patient property. He also learns that Iggy was one of Mrs. Parsons' visitors during her previous hospital stay, and did have one exciting run through the hospital during the last visit.

Can the two cases possibly be connected?

This is another entertaining short visit with Chet and Bernie.

Recommended.

I bought this story.

Robin Hatcher says

Short and sweet and Chet as delightful as ever.

Lelia Taylor says

There's a pet food commercial on TV that features a number of dogs running and leaping. I don't remember the name of the product but I love to watch the dogs and, every time I see it, I just naturally think of Chet because he takes such joy in life, the way those dogs look like they're doing. Chet—and, of course, Bernie—are two of my favorite detectives and it's always a treat to see them again.

This time, their neighbor dog (and Chet's pal), Iggy, has disappeared and his owner is desperate to find him for his very ill wife. Bernie and Chet take on the job and soon find a second mystery to look into. Our heroes make short work of all this (after all, this IS a short story) and I was quite satisfied with this little visit with the guys.

Fair warning to those who count pages—this story takes up 24 of the 45 pages and the rest is a blurb and excerpt of the following novel, *The Sound and the Furry*, along with a few other things.

Cherry says

Not quite as good as the *Cat was Involved* one, but pretty good.

Cyd says

A caper involving Chet's best canine pal next door, Iggy. Very sweet.

Ivonne Rovira says

I usually love Chet and Bernie stories, but this short story proved quite a disappointment. With the exception of Bernie Little's distraught neighbor Mr. Parsons and his extremely ill wife, the secondary characters in *The Iggy Chronicles, Volume One*, whether friendly or villainous, were over-the-top cartoon characters.

I've read worst tripe, but let's just hope there won't ever be a Volume Two.

Debbie says

(Mystery, Novella – adjunct to the series)

Another sort of prequel to the Chet & Bernie series (see item #1), this is the story of Iggy, the dog next door. Iggy is Chet's bud, but they don't see much of each other.

While this wasn't as intriguing as "A Cat Was Involved," another series prequel, Quinn still has a way with a story and this dog's irrepressible take on life.

Read this if: you're a series fan. If you haven't read any of the books yet, start with *A Cat Was Involved* and then move on to *Dog Gone It*. 4 stars-

Charles Isom says

A short "prequel" to the *Sound and the Furry*, I was hoping the story would be told from Iggy's point of view (the only dog we hear from is Chet). E-books of this type generally tend to be written to tide fans over until the next installment can be published, but this one actually had a major event happen to one of the secondary characters that will (I imagine) have repercussions for the books in the future. As with most Chet and Bernie books, the mystery here is rather easy to figure out, but the enjoyment of the characters is still tremendous.

Peggy says

Tip-top!

Deborah Carden says

Poor Iggy! Thank goodness Chet and Bernie were on the case! I can't seem to find Iggy Chronicles, Volume Two and I have to read it. If you are a Chet and Bernie fan (what kind of person wouldn't be?!?) you will enjoy this short book that focuses on Chet's best buddy, Iggy.

Amanda says

I'm so glad this was a short story and not a full length novel. I didn't care that much for the story and many of the secondary characters that much. I still have one more short story to read for this series, I hope that one is better.

Mari says

I love this series! Thank you Spencer Quinn for this short story to tide us over until the next Chet and Bernie comes out. If you follow the series, this short is a real pleasure. Not only do we get more of Chet's unique and wonderful voice, we get to spend a little time with Iggy and her people. It was great! And a nice little mystery too. I cannot recommend this series highly enough! Did I mention Spencer Quinn has a terrific sense of humor?

Beverly says

Iggy is a dog who doesn't get out much, so it's big news when Iggy has vanished. With a jewel thief making short work of hospital patients' valuables, it seems that Iggy is not alone in disappearing right out from under somebody's nose. Suspects are plentiful and witnesses are few. But when little Iggy reappears, tail wagging, it turns out he holds the key to solving the entire affair. Cute novel. If you are a fan of Chet and Bert, then this story of Iggy is charming.
