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# From Reader Review A Cat Was Involved: A Chet and Bernie Mystery eShort Story for online ebook

## Pamela says

The prelude (written after the fact) which started it all: how Chet and Bernie came to be the slim Jim gnoshing, Hawaiian shirt loving, Porsche flying, short on cash, PI duo extraordinaire.

It was as lovably fun as the full-length installments. And the perfect sort of sassy, quick read if you're short on time or feeling a little puny and needing a lift.

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## Candice says

In the other Chet and Bernie books that I've read, Chet alludes to what happened on the day he flunked out of K-9 school and the day he met Bernie. It's nice to have that fleshed out, and it was as entertaining as all the books in the series. I liked the way Chet was drawn to Bernie from the moment he smelled him. They make a great team! Hawaiian shirts also figure in the story.

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## Brian Quick says

Cute short story, showing how Chet met Bernie. .99 for about 20 pages of new story, but a fun quick read for fans of the series.

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## Amanda says

I liked this short story with Chet and Bernie. The story involves how Chet meets Bernie and what really happen that day when Chet failed his K-9 training class.

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## Richard Derus says

Rating: 3.5\* of five

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**My Review:** Here's what you need to know...it's exactly as much fun as you'd expect it to be; it's got the trademark Chet narration that leaves nothing to a human imagination except why we don't get to think this way; and it breaks from the canon of history set up in the first two books about Bernie's marriage and Chet's place in it.

Like all eBooks, I can't quote anything to you because how? But the story's only 39pp or so, and it blows by faster than one actually wants it to, and it costs a whopping ninety-nine cents. It's actually not necessary to read from a series standpoint, but heck, for chump change, buy it, read it, and smile for a half-hour. Sounds like a win to me!

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## **Pattianne says**

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## **Michelle says**

Great quick read. Cute story seen from the viewpoint of a dog. I'm looking forward to reading more in this series.

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### **Karen says**

I finished the first book in this series last week, and quickly ordered the next three in the series, it was that good. I found this e-story in the Kindle store, and it is as good as Quinn's full length novel.

Chet, the canine partner in the Little Detective Agency, narrates the story, and along with his human partner, Bernie, they a wonderful pair.

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### **Sue Lander says**

Just a little short book to explain how Chet and Bernie go together. I love these characters!

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### **HBalikov says**

Spencer Quinn tells his stories with the voice of Chet, a dog who never made the police K-9 squad but has all that training. It is a cute and sometimes devastatingly effective way to present a case for investigation. I reviewed Dog on It and liked it a lot with its humor and perspective.

This is a short story about how Chet met Bernie (the P.I) as he was washing out of police training. It's a bit of back-story only meant for those who are already into the series. It has no real mystery. It hardly can stand on its own, and three stars is strictly from a fan's point of view.

I liked it, like I like one M&M. It reminds that I would like to have more but it really isn't very satisfying in itself.

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### **Pegge says**

#### **Entertaining**

This series was recommended to me by a gentleman who works in the library. I often need an audio book To break up the monotony of driving, and this series works for me. It is especially fun because it is told from the dog's point of view.

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### **kari says**

HILARIOUS!

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### **Joanne Moyer says**

A short story prequel to Dog On It that tells us how Bernie and Chet met and explains the mystery as to why Chet never graduated from K-9 school. Amusing, fun and recommended

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### **Jami says**

I loved this prequel! Of course, Chet is one of my favorite characters anyway. The only small odd thing was the ex-wife; in the books, Chet is clear that Bernie and the wife are together when Chet first joined the household, but at the time this book starts, the ex is already an ex. No matter, minor detail, I still loved it. It was certainly odd having a story where Chet isn't yet worried about finances! This was also my first foray into the world of ibooks, which was an experience unto itself!

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### **D. Starr says**

No sex

No violence

No strong language

Anyone can enjoy this introductory novelette/short story to the Chet and Bernie short stories.

The story, told from the perspective of Chet, the dog, contains his sometimes lighthearted perspective of what humans do and want in contrast to a dog's instinct. Chet understands quite a bit more human dialogue than a real dog would, but do we really care?

Although written for adult readers, I'd feel comfortable reading the story aloud to 5th or 6th graders, or letting them read it on their own. Once you've read it, maybe you'd recommend even younger.

I got the book in Kindle form. The story ended at about 60%, the rest being previews of other novels in the series.

If you like a good cozy. By all means, consider this one.

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