The Sound and the Furry by Spencer Quinn

Bernie Little and Chet the dog of the Little Detective Agency are at it again in another mystery adventure. Chet and Bernie leave their desert home and head for the bayous of Louisiana to look for a missing person. Ralph Boutette has been missing for several days and his family is starting to worry. Frenchie Boutette is Ralph’s brother and was busted by Bernie and Chet and is now in jail. Bernie was driving along when he sees Frenchie out along the road in a litter cleanup crew so, Bernie stops to say hi to Frenchie and the warden guarding them when Frenchie asks Bernie to look for his brother.

As Chet and Bernie investigate Ralph Boutette’s disappearance they come across drug dealers, stolen shrimp, environmental issues concerning oil rigs and the Boutette family in general. It appears that Ralph, unlike the rest of his family is a genius and an inventor and has been making noise to the oil company that their newest rig is not safe. Soon after his complaint about the oil rig Ralph goes missing. After several close calls with miscreants and even a gator Chet and Bernie start to make some headway in the case.

Chet tells the story in a totally convincing canine way that will keep you amused throughout the story. This is the sixth book in the series starting with Dog on It and I recommend that you start with that book and work your way through the series.