

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ROSEN MICHAEL N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BRYAN CAVE LLP, 1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/15/2005		M		56,613 (1) \$ 8.611 (1)	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S		100 \$ 33.86	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S		400 \$ 33.88	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S		300 \$ 33.89	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S		1,400 \$ 33.9	D (2)	

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Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 33.91	63,013 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.92	62,413 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	900	D	\$ 33.93	61,513 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.94	60,913 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.95	60,313 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 33.96	58,313 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.97	58,013 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	7,513	D	\$ 33.98	50,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	3,200	D	\$ 33.99	47,300	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	16,000	D	\$ 34	31,300 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 34.04	31,200 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	20,600	D	\$ 34.05	10,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	200	D	\$ 34.08	10,400 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	400	D	\$ 34.09	10,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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and 5)

	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)								
\$ 8.611 <u>(1)</u>								
02/15/2005								
	M							
					05/29/1996 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/15/2006	Common Stock	56,613 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROSEN MICHAEL N C/O BRYAN CAVE LLP 1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10104	X		Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael N.

Rosen

02/17/2005

    Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

These options were granted on May 29, 1996. The number of shares and related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's (i)

(1) two-for-one Stock Split effected on September 27, 1997 and (ii) spin-off transaction effected on November 12, 2004 which divided all outstanding exercise prices by 1.41534 and multiplied all related shares by the same number.

(2) Of these shares, 10,000 shares are owned indirectly through the Reporting Person's spouse.

(3) One-fourth of these options became exercisable on May 29, 1996 and on January 16 of each of the years 1997 through 1999.

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