

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KLIPPER MITCHELL S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC., 122  
 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10011

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/16/2005**

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)

Chief Operating Officer

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	02/16/2005		M		28,800 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>	28,800	D
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S		19,800	\$ 34	9,000	D
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S		1,200	\$ 34.01	7,800	D
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S		4,600	\$ 34.02	3,200	D
Common Stock	02/16/2005		S		1,300	\$ 34.03	1,900	D

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Common Stock	02/16/2005	S	900	D	\$ 34.04	1,000	D
Common Stock	02/16/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 34.05	0	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	M	21,300 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>	21,300	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.98	21,000	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	400	D	\$ 33.97	20,600	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 33.95	19,500	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	200	D	\$ 33.94	19,300	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.93	18,700	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	100	D	\$ 33.92	18,600	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	700	D	\$ 33.91	17,900	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	6,500	D	\$ 33.9	11,400	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 33.85	8,700	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	500	D	\$ 33.83	8,200	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.82	7,900	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	100	D	\$ 33.81	7,800	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	7,800	D	\$ 33.8	0	D

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)

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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, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>	02/16/2005		M	28,800 <u>(1)</u>	02/18/2003 07/23/2012	Common Stock	28,800 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>	02/17/2005		M	21,300 <u>(1)</u>	02/18/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/23/2012	Common Stock	21,300 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLIPPER MITCHELL S C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC. 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Mitchell S. Klipper 02/18/2005

Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* 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 July 24, 2002. The number of shares and the related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the
- (1) Issuer's spin-off transaction effected on November 12, 2004 which divided all outstanding shares by 1.41534 and multiplied all related shares by the same number.
  - (2) Of these options, 6,830 became exercisable on February 18, 2003 and the balance became exercisable on February 18, 2004.

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