

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**DUFFY WILLIAM F**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC., 100 MIDDLESEX CENTER BOULEVARD**

(Street)

**JAMESBURG, NJ 08831**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/19/2005**

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)  
**EVP, Distribution & Logistics**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount or Price			
Common Stock	07/19/2005		M	6,472 (1)	A \$ 24.5524 (1)	7,877	D	
Common Stock	07/19/2005		M	34,384 (1)	A \$ 13.2265 (1)	42,261	D	
Common Stock	07/19/2005		M	3,318 (1)	A \$ 11.2694 (1)	45,579	D	
Common	07/19/2005		S	44,174	D \$ 41.95	1,405	D	

Stock

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, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.5524 <u>(1)</u>	07/19/2005		M	6,472 <u>(1)</u>	03/03/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/02/2008	Common Stock	6,472 <u>(1)</u>	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>	07/19/2005		M	34,384 <u>(1)</u>	07/24/2003 07/23/2012	Common Stock	34,384 <u>(1)</u>	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2694 <u>(1)</u>	07/19/2005		M	3,318 <u>(1)</u>	03/13/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/12/2013	Common Stock	3,318 <u>(1)</u>	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUFFY WILLIAM F C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC. 100 MIDDLESEX CENTER BOULEVARD JAMESBURG, NJ 08831			EVP, Distribution & Logistics	

## Signatures

/s/ William F.  
Duffy

07/21/2005

\_\_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).
- (1) The number of shares subject to such options and the related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's spin-off transaction on November 12, 2004 which divided all outstanding exercise prices by 1.41534 and multiplied all related shares by the same number.
  - (2) One-fourth of these options became exercisable on March 3 of each of the years 1999 through 2002.
  - (3) One-half of these options became exercisable on March 13 of each of the years 2004 and 2005.

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