TOULANTIS MARIE

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOULANTIS MARIE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) C/O BARNESANI NINTH AVE		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2006	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Delow) CEO- barnesandnoble.com		
NEW YORK,	(Street) NY 10011		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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)
Common Stock	01/09/2006		M	198,455 (1)	A	\$ 21.6697 (1)	214,695	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S	198,455	D	\$ 42.5641 (2)	16,240	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2006		M	21,183 (1)	A	\$ 24.5524 (1)	37,423	D	
Common	01/10/2006		M	1,545 (1)	A	\$	38,968	D	

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Stock					21.6697 (1)		
Common Stock	01/10/2006	M	10,572 (1)	A	\$ 18.3702 4	49,540	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S	33,300	D	\$ 42.2616 (3)	16,240	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)

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 or 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous Numb Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.6697 (1)	01/09/2006		M		198,455 (1)	06/03/2004	06/02/2014	Common Stock	198,4 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.5524 (1)	01/10/2006		M		21,183 (1)	03/03/1999(4)	03/02/2008	Common Stock	21,1 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.6697 (1)	01/10/2006		M		1,545 (1)	06/03/2004	06/02/2014	Common Stock	1,545
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.3701 (1)	01/10/2006		M		10,572 (1)	03/09/2002(5)	03/08/2009	Common Stock	10,5 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TOULANTIS MARIE C/O BARNESANDNOBLE.COM 76 NINTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011

CEO- barnesandnoble.com

Signatures

/s/ Marie J.

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The number of shares subject to such options and the related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's spin-off transaction
- (1) effected on November 12, 2004 which divided all outstanding exercise prices by 1.41534 and multiplied all related shares by the same number.
- (2) Represents the sale of 198,455 shares in 13 transactions at prices ranging from \$42.49 to \$42.88 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$42.5641.
- (3) Represents the sale of 33,300 shares in 4 transactions at prices ranging from \$42.25 to \$42.45 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$42.2616.
- (4) One-fourth of these options became exercisable on March 3 of each of the years 1999 through 2002.
- (5) One-half of these options became exercisable on March 9 of each of the years 2002 and 2003.

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