

KAHN J ALAN  
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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 \*  
KAHN J ALAN

(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)  
01/20/2006

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)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/20/2006		M		900 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 16.096 <u>(1)</u>
							3,880
Common Stock	01/20/2006		S		900	D	\$ 42.5389 <u>(2)</u>
							2,980
Common Stock	01/23/2006		M		75,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 16.096 <u>(1)</u>
							77,980
Common Stock	01/23/2006		M		74,100 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 16.096 <u>(1)</u>
							152,080
Common Stock	01/23/2006		S		75,000	D	\$ 41.6084
							77,080

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					(3)		
Common					\$		
Stock	01/23/2006		S	74,100	D	41.7865	2,980 D
						(4)	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.096 (1)	01/20/2006		M	900 (1)	12/29/1998 09/09/2007	Common Stock	900 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.096 (1)	01/23/2006		M	75,000 (1)	12/29/1998(5) 09/09/2007	Common Stock	75,000 (1)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.096 (1)	01/23/2006		M	74,100 (1)	12/29/1999 09/09/2007	Common Stock	74,100 (1)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAHN J ALAN C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC. 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011			Pres B&N Publishing Group	

## Signatures

/s/ J. Alan Kahn

01/24/2006

\*\*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).

The number of shares subject to such options and the related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's (i) two-for-one stock split effected on September 22, 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.

- (1) Represents the sale of 900 shares in five separate transactions at prices ranging from \$42.51 to \$42.61 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$42.5389.
- (2) Represents the sale of 75,000 shares in twenty-one separate transactions at prices ranging from \$41.50 to \$41.81 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$41.6084.
- (3) Represents the sale of 74,100 shares in fourteen separate transactions at prices ranging from \$41.75 to \$41.90 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$41.7865
- (4) Of these, options with respect to 59,152 shares vested on December 29, 1998 and the balance vested on December 29, 1999.

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