

RIGGIO STEPHEN  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
RIGGIO STEPHEN

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC., 122 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/07/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Employee

(Street)  
NEW YORK, NY 10011

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
				(A)	(D)				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.6697 <u>(1)</u>	12/07/2011	D	1,000,000 <u>(1)</u>		06/03/2004	06/02/2014	Common Stock	1,000,000 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIGGIO STEPHEN C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC. 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011				Employee

## Signatures

/s/ Eugene V. DeFelice, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen Riggio	12/07/2011
<u>**Signature of Reporting Person</u>	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) This option was granted on June 3, 2004. The number of shares subject to such option and the related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's 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) The surrendered options were voluntarily surrendered for cancellation by the reporting person to help the Issuer make equity-based awards to attract and retain critical talent. The options were canceled by mutual agreement of the reporting person and the Issuer. The reporting person received no consideration from the Issuer for the cancellation.

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