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December 13, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 12, 2002

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12302

06-1196501

(Commission File Number

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

122 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

10011

(Address of Principal
Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (212) 633-3300

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On December 12, 2002, Barnes & Noble, Inc. announced that it had reached an agreement to purchase Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., a privately held company that is one of the top 25 publishers in the United States and a leading publisher of how-to books. The purchase price was in the \$100 million range. The acquisition is expected to close within 45 days and is subject to Hart-Scott-Rodino clearance.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lawrence S. Zilavy

Name: Lawrence S. Zilavy
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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