#### **BARNES & NOBLE INC**

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** ROSEN MICHAEL N			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 BRYAN CAVE LLP, 1290  AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2005	_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Secretary			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
NEW YORK,	NY 10104		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. 7. Nature Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficia (D) or Ownershi Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/15/2005		M	56,613 (1)	A	\$ 8.611 (1)	66,613 (2)	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S	100	D	\$ 33.86	66,513 (2)	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S	400	D	\$ 33.88	66,113 (2)	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S	300	D	\$ 33.89	65,813 <u>(2)</u>	D (2)	
Common Stock	02/15/2005		S	1,400	D	\$ 33.9	64,413 (2)	D (2)	

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Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 33.91	63,013 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.92	62,413 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	900	D	\$ 33.93	61,513 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.94	60,913 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 33.95	60,313 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 33.96	58,313 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	300	D	\$ 33.97	58,013 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	7,513	D	\$ 33.98	50,500 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	3,200	D	\$ 33.99	47,300	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	16,000	D	\$ 34	31,300 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 34.04	31,200 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	20,600	D	\$ 34.05	10,600 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	200	D	\$ 34.08	10,400 (2)	D (2)
Common Stock	02/15/2005	S	400	D	\$ 34.09	10,000 (2)	D (2)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount o
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)			
	Derivative				or Disposed of			
	Security				(D)			
					(Instr. 3, 4,			

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and 5)

(D)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Amount

Number of Share Stock Option \$ 8.611 56,613 Common 56,613 05/29/1996(3) 01/15/2006 02/15/2005 M (1) (Right to (1) Stock (1)

Code V (A)

Buy)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROSEN MICHAEL N
C/O BRYAN CAVE LLP
1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10104
Secretary

## **Signatures**

/s/ Michael N.

Rosen 02/17/2005

\*\*Signature of Date

Reporting Person

# **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).
- These options were granted on May 29, 1996. The number of shares and related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's (i)
- (1) two-for-one Stock Split effected on September 27, 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.
- (2) Of these shares, 10,000 shares are owned indirectly through the Reporting Person's spouse.
- (3) One-fourth of these options became exercisable on May 29, 1996 and on January 16 of each of the years 1997 through 1999.

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