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

Form 4

October 13, 2005

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction 1(b).

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may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **BERDON MATTHEW A** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS] (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director

below)

10% Owner \_ Other (specify

C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC., 122 10/11/2005

(Street)

(First)

FIFTH AVENUE

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10011

(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)  (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/11/2005		M	13,713 (1)	A	\$ 8.611 (1)	61,298	D (2)	
Common Stock	10/11/2005		S	12,013	D	\$ 36.35	49,285	D (2)	
Common Stock	10/11/2005		S	1,200	D	\$ 36.36	48,085	D (2)	
Common Stock	10/11/2005		S	300	D	\$ 36.37	47,785	D (2)	
Common Stock	10/11/2005		S	200	D	\$ 36.38	47,585	D (2)	

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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 of		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Da	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code Securities		(Month/Day/Y	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)					
	Derivative				or Disposed o	f				
	Security				(D)					
					(Instr. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
						Date	Expiration	Title	Amount	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date		Number of Shares	
Stock										
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.611	10/11/2005		M	13,713 (1)	05/29/1996	01/15/2006	Common Stock	13,713 (1)	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

BERDON MATTHEW A C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC. 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011

X

# **Signatures**

/s/ Matthew A. 10/13/2005 Berdon

\*\*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 subject to such options and the related exercise price have been (1) 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.
- (2) Of these shares, 1,000 are owned indirectly through the Reporting Person's spouse.

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