

DILLARD II WILLIAM
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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 *
DILLARD II WILLIAM

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 AVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/09/2006

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

NEW YORK, NY 10011

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(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/09/2006		M	56,613 (1)	\$ 8.611 (1)	57,198	D
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S	56,613 (2)	\$ 42.3514	585	D

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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.611 (1)	01/09/2006		M	56,613 (1)	05/29/1996(3) 01/15/2006	Common Stock 56,613 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DILLARD II WILLIAM C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC. 122 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK, NY 10011	X			

Signatures

/s/ William
Dillard II 01/11/2006
 **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).
 - (1) These options were granted on May 29, 1996. 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.
 - (2) Represents the sale of 56,613 shares in 44 transactions at prices ranging from \$42.13 to \$42.80 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$42.3514.
 - (3) Of these options, one fourth became exercisable on May 29, 1996 and one-fourth became exercisable on January 16 of each of the years 1997 through 1999.

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