

BOTTINI MARK  
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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 \*  
**BOTTINI MARK**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC, 122 FIFTH AVENUE**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10011**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/20/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Director of Stores

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		916 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		996 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 11.2694 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		17,692 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 19.9245 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	03/20/2006		S		19,604 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 45.5443

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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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.2265 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2006		M	916 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/24/2005 07/23/2012	Common Stock	916 <sup>(1)</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2694 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2006		M	996 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/13/2006 03/12/2013	Common Stock	996 <sup>(1)</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.9245 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2006		M	17,692 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/13/2005 10/12/2013	Common Stock	17,692 <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOTTINI MARK C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011			VP, Director of Stores	

## Signatures

/s/ Mark Bottini 03/22/2006

<sup>(1)</sup>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).

- The number of shares subject to such options 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.
- (1)
  - (2) Represents the sale of 19,604 shares in eighteen separate transactions at prices ranging from \$45.42 to \$45.65 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$45.5443.

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