

DILLARD II WILLIAM
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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, 122
FIFTH AVE

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

11/24/2004

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)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	11/24/2004		M		\$ 28,306 (1)	A	9.5384 28,306	D
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		\$ 26.58 2,900	D	25,406	D
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		\$ 26.59 1,400	D	24,006	D
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		\$ 26.6 22,106	D	1,900	D
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		\$ 26.61 1,900	D	0	D

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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)	\$ 9.5384 (1)	11/24/2004		M	28,306 (1)	12/07/1995(2) 12/07/2004	Common Stock	28,306 (1)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ William
Dillard II 11/29/2004
 **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).
 These options were granted on December 7, 1994. 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 options, one-half became exercisable on December 7, 1995 and the remaining one-half became exercisable on December 7, 1996.

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