

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RIGGIO LEONARD**

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 AVENUE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/27/2005**

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

Chairman of the Board

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/27/2005		P	250 A \$ 40.73	12,603,928 (1)	D	(1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005		P	750 A \$ 40.74	12,604,678 (1)	D	(1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005		P	650 A \$ 40.78	12,605,328 (1)	D	(1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005		P	350 A \$ 40.79	12,605,678 (1)	D	(1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005		P	1,500 A \$ 40.83	12,607,178 (1)	D	(1)

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Common Stock	07/27/2005	P	200	A	\$ 40.84	12,607,378 (1)	D (1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005	P	3,800	A	\$ 40.85	12,611,178 (1)	D (1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005	P	1,050	A	\$ 40.94	12,612,228 (1)	D (1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005	P	2,250	A	\$ 40.95	12,614,478 (1)	D (1)
Common Stock	07/27/2005	P	1,700	A	\$ 40.98	12,616,178 (1)	D (1)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIGGIO LEONARD C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

/s/ Leonard  
Riggio

07/29/2005

\_\_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).

Of these shares (i) 3,032,934 shares are owned indirectly through Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc., a New York corporation of  
(1) which all of the currently outstanding voting securities are owned by the Reporting Person, and (ii) 712,473 shares are owned indirectly in a rabbi trust established by the Issuer for the benefit of the Reporting Person.

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