#### MILLER IRENE R

Form 4

October 25, 2004

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MILLER IRENE R			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS] (Check all applicable				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
C/O BARNE FIFTH AVE	S & NOBLE	2, 122	10/21/2004	Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

#### NEW YORK, NY 10011

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit boor Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of		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)
Common Stock	10/21/2004		M	50,000 (1)	A	\$ 12.1875 (1)	50,000	D	
Common Stock	10/21/2004		S	500	D	\$ 33.2	49,500	D	
Common Stock	10/21/2004		S	3,400	D	\$ 33.18	46,100	D	
Common Stock	10/21/2004		S	100	D	\$ 33.17	46,000	D	
Common Stock	10/21/2004		S	200	D	\$ 33.16	45,800	D	

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Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	200	D	\$ 33.15	45,600	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	100	D	\$ 33.1	45,500	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	600	D	\$ 33.08	44,900	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	400	D	\$ 33.07	44,500	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	400	D	\$ 33.06	44,100	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	1,600	D	\$ 33.05	42,500	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	900	D	\$ 33.04	41,600	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	1,500	D	\$ 33.03	40,100	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	4,600	D	\$ 33.02	35,500	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	1,400	D	\$ 33.01	34,100	D
Common Stock	10/21/2004	S	18,600	D	\$ 33	15,500	D
Common Stock	10/22/2004	M	1,200 (1)	A	\$ 12.1875 (1)	16,700	D
Common Stock	10/22/2004	S	500	D	\$ 33	16,200	D
Common Stock	10/22/2004	S	500	D	\$ 33.01	15,700	D
Common Stock	10/22/2004	S	200	D	\$ 33.02	15,500	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amour
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securit
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1875 (1)	10/21/2004		M			50,000 (1)	01/16/1998	01/15/2006	Common Stock	50,0
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1875 (1)	10/22/2004		M			1,200 (1)	01/16/1998	01/15/2006	Common Stock	1,2

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MILLER IRENE R C/O BARNES & NOBLE 122 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK, NY 10011	X						

# **Signatures**

/s/ Irene Miller 10/25/2004

\*\*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 originally related to one-half the number of shares at twice the exercise price, and were reported as such. The number of shares acquired and the related exercise price set forth above result from the two-for-one stock split effected by the Issuer on September 22, 1997.

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