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FORM	4 UNITED	STATES					IGE CO	OMMISSION	OMB	PROVAL 3235-0287	
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Form 5 obligatio may con <i>See</i> Instr 1(b).	tinue. Section 17(uction	a) of the l	Public U	tility Hol		pany	Act of 1	Act of 1934, 1935 or Section	I		
(Print or Type)	Responses)										
RIGGIO LEONARD Syn					l Ticker or T BLE INC	-	Ì	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date o	f Earliest T	ransaction			Спеск	all applicable)	
(Mont				Ionth/Day/Year) 2/06/2004				_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board			
(Street) 4. If Amo				Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
				l(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecurit		ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			(A)				· · · · ·	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/06/2004			Р	500,000	A	\$ 27.54	12,043,843 (1)	D (1)		
Common Stock	12/07/2004			Р	45,600	А	\$ 27.8	12,089,443 (1)	D (1)		
Common Stock	12/07/2004			Р	200	А	\$ 27.79	12,089,643 (1)	D (1)		
Common Stock	12/08/2004			Р	90,900	A	\$ 28	12,180,543 (1)	D (1)		

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Common Stock	12/08/2004	Р	15,700	А	\$ 27.8	12,227,043 (1)	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	12/08/2004	Р	1,500	А	\$ 27.71	12,228,543 (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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owna Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addres	s	Relationships							
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
RIGGIO LEONARD 122 FIFTH AVE C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC NEW YORK, NY 10011	_C X	Х	Chairman of the Board						
Signatures									
/s/ Leonard 1 Riggio 1	2/08/2004								
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date								

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Of these shares (i) 2,652,334 shares are owned indirectly through Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, 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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