

BURKLE RONALD W  
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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 \*  
BURKLE RONALD W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES  
LLC, 9130 WEST SUNSET  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/23/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/23/2011		P		363,516	A	\$ 18.489 <u>(1)</u>	7,170,384	I	Please see footnote and Remarks below <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	05/23/2011		P		239,484	A	\$ 18.489 <u>(1)</u>	4,723,829	I	Please see footnote and Remarks below <u>(3)</u>

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURKLE RONALD W C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC 9130 WEST SUNSET BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90069		X		
Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, LLC C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC 9130 WEST SUNSET BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90069				Please refer to remarks below
YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND II LP C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC 9130 WEST SUNSET BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90069		X		
Yucaipa American Alliance (Parallel) Fund II, L.P. C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC 9130 WEST SUNSET BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90069				Please refer to remarks below
YUCAIPA AMERICAN MANAGEMENT, LLC C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC 9130 WEST SUNSET BOULEVARD				Please refer to remarks below

LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

YUCAIPA AMERICAN FUNDS, LLC  
C/O THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC  
9130 EAST SUNSET BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

Please refer to remarks below

## Signatures

/s/ Ronald W. Burkle (on behalf of himself and the other reporting persons)

05/23/2011

\_\_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).
- (1) Weighted average price.
- (2) These shares are held directly by Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, L.P. ("YAAF II").
- (3) These shares are held directly by Yucaipa American Alliance (Parallel) Fund II, L.P. ("YAAF II Parallel").

### Remarks:

This Form 4 is jointly filed by (i) Ronald W. Burkle, (ii) Yucaipa American Management, LLC ("Yucaipa American"), (iii) Y

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