BARNES & NOBLE INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading RIGGIO LEONARD Issuer Symbol BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ 10% Owner _X__ Director X_ Officer (give title __Other (specify 122 FIFTH AVE, C/O BARNES & 09/21/2001 below) **NOBLE INC** Chairman of the Board (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10011 Person

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - No	n-D	Perivative S	ecuriti	es Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
(Ilisu. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	(msu. 3, 4)	(A)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/21/2001		Code S <u>(1)</u>	V	Amount 288,102	(D)	Price \$ 34.71 (1)	11,643,843	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2004		G	V	100,000	D	\$ 0	11,543,843 (2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting 6 wher runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
RIGGIO LEONARD 122 FIFTH AVE C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC NEW YORK, NY 10011	X	X	Chairman of the Board					

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Leonard 10/07/2004 Riggio Date **Signature of

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).
- The Reporting Person contributed common stock of Barnes & Noble, Inc. ("B&N") to an exchange fund in exchange for shares of the (1) exchange fund. The B&N common stock was valued at \$34.71 per share, the closing price on the day immediately preceding the date of the transaction, for the purpose of determining the number of units of the exchange fund issuable to the Reporting Person.
- As of the date of this filing, the Reporting Person beneficially owns 11,543,843 shares. Of these shares (i) 2,652,334 shares are owned indirectly through Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc., a New York corporation of 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 for the benefit of the Reporting

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