### DILLARD II WILLIAM

Form 4

November 29, 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 _ DILLARD II WILLIAM			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			
	0 NODLE	100	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify		
C/O BARNES	& NOBLE,	122	11/24/2004	below) below)		
FIFTH AVE						
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		

#### NEW YORK, NY 10011

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed 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	11/24/2004		M	28,306 (1)	A	\$ 9.5384 (1)	28,306	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S	2,900	D	\$ 26.58	25,406	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S	1,400	D	\$ 26.59	24,006	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S	22,106	D	\$ 26.6	1,900	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S	1,900	D	\$ 26.61	0	D	

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.5384	11/24/2004		M	28,306 (1)	12/07/1995(2)	12/07/2004	Common Stock	28,300 (1)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DILLARD II WILLIAM C/O BARNES & NOBLE 122 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK, NY 10011	X						

## **Signatures**

/s/ William Dillard II 11/29/2004 \*\*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 were granted on December 7, 1994. The number of shares subject to such options and the related exercise price have been (1) adjusted to reflect the Issuer's (i) two-for-one stock split effected on September 22, 1997 and (ii) spin-off transaction effected on November 12, 2004 which divided all outstanding exercise prices by 1.41534 and multiplied all related shares by the same number.
- Of these options, one-half became exercisable on December 7, 1995 and the remaining one-half became exercisable on December 7,

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