

KLIPPER MITCHELL S
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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 *
KLIPPER MITCHELL S

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O BARNES & NOBLE INC., 122 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/10/2006

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Operating Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10011

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/10/2006		M		200,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 13.2265 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	01/10/2006		M		100,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 11.87 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	01/10/2006		M		100,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 13.5939 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	01/10/2006		S		400,000 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 42.1187 <u>(2)</u>

Explanation of Responses:

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The number of shares subject to such options and the related exercise price have been adjusted to reflect the Issuer's 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.

(1) Represents the sale of 400,000 shares in thirty separate transactions at prices ranging from \$41.88 to \$42.50 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$42.1187.

(2) Of these, options with respect to 86,010 shares vested on February 18, 2004 and the balance vested on February 18, 2005.

(3) Of these, options with respect to 35,383 shares vested on each of February 18, 2003 and February 18, 2004 and the balance vested on February 18, 2005.

(4) Of these, options with respect to 94,335 shares vested on February 18, 2004 and the balance vested on February 18, 2005.

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