

SMITH MICHELLE L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH MICHELLE L (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC., 122 FIFTH AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10011 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2011 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below) VP Human Resources 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		Price

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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.78	11/15/2011		A	35,000	(1) 11/14/2021	Common Stock 35

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH MICHELLE L C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC. 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011			VP Human Resources	

Signatures

/s/ Eugene V. DeFelice, as Attorney-in-Fact for Michelle L. Smith 11/16/2011

**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) Grant of the stock option, with 25% vesting on November 15, 2013, 25% vesting on November 15, 2014 and the remaining 50% vesting on November 15, 2015.

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