BARNES & NOBLE INC Form 8-K March 18, 2005

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) March 18, 2005

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12302 06-1196501

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

122 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 633-3300

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 12, 2004, Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the Company) completed its tax-free spin-off of GameStop Corp. (GameStop) to Barnes & Noble, Inc. stockholders. Due to the spin-off, the Company has reflected GameStop s results on a discontinued operations line on the Company s financial statements. For informational purposes, in the Consolidated Statements of Operations attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, the Company is providing the break out of each of the four quarters and the full year ended January 29, 2005 reflecting the results of GameStop on a discontinued operations line. The Consolidated Statements of Operations also reflect the correction of accounting for leases as more fully discussed in the Form 8-K furnished with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2005 pursuant to Items 2.02, 4.02(a) and 9.01(c) therein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Consolidated Statements of Operations for the four quarters and full year ended January 29, 2005

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BARNES & NOBLE, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Joseph J. Lombardi Joseph J. Lombardi Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 18, 2005

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Exhibit Number Description

Consolidated Statements of Operations for the four quarters and full year ended January 29,

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