

DUANE READE INC  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2003

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**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) **January 21, 2003**

**Duane Reade Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13843**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-3164702**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**440 Ninth Avenue New York, New York 10001**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(212) 273-5700**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On January 21, 2003, we issued a press release with respect to our anticipated financial results for our fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2002 and our outlook for the 2003 fiscal year. We have attached a copy of this press release as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

- a) Financial Statements. Not Applicable
- b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not Applicable
- c) Exhibits

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The following materials are filed as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated January 21, 2003. |
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**SIGNATURES**

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.

DUANE READE INC.

By: /s/ JOHN K. HENRY

John K. Henry  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date January 21, 2003

\*Print name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

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