

DUANE READE INC  
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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) **October 7, 2003**

**Duane Reade Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**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**

Duane Reade Inc. issued the press release attached hereto on October 6, 2003. The first sentence of the first paragraph is filed and incorporated herein by reference.

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

- a) Financial Statements. Not Applicable
- b)

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Pro Forma Financial Information. Not Applicable

c)  
Exhibits

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

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated October 6, 2003

## Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information, which consists of the remainder of the press release appearing as Exhibit 99.1 not filed and incorporated herein by reference under Item 5, is furnished pursuant to Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure."

The second, third and fourth sentences of the first paragraph and paragraphs two through eight are not filed but are furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

The attached Exhibit 99.1 is also furnished in its entirety pursuant to Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

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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

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John K. Henry  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date October 7, 2003

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

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