BARNES & NOBLE INC Form 8-K February 17, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 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): February 17, 2010

BARNES & NOBLE, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-12302	06-1196501
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
	10011
	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 633-3300

Not Applicable

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

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On January 28, 2010, the Board of Directors of Barnes & Noble, Inc. (the "Board") received a letter from Ronald Burkle, Managing Partner of The Yucaipa Companies LLC. The Board responded to Mr. Burkle in a letter dated February 17, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following exhibit is filed as a part of this Report.

Exhibit No.Description99.1Letter dated February 17, 2010, from the Board of Directors of Barnes & Noble, Inc. to
Ronald Burkle, Managing Partner of the Yucaipa Companies LLC.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

Date: February 17, 2010

By:

/s/ Joseph J. Lombardi Name: Joseph J. Lombardi Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No. 99.1 Description Letter dated February 17, 2010, from the Board of Directors of Barnes & Noble, Inc. to Ronald Burkle, Managing Partner of the Yucaipa Companies LLC.