

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

(RULE 14a-101)

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**Barnes & Noble, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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On September 20, 2010, Barnes & Noble, Inc. made the following communication available to its employees:

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

The voting deadlines for Barnes & Noble's 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are quickly approaching:

\*\*\*401k Plan Participants have [5] more days to vote.\*\*\*

\*\*\*All other shareholders have [8] days to vote.\*\*\*

If you owned Barnes & Noble shares as of August 16, 2010, you should have received your voting materials by now. If you want to vote as the Board recommends, you would vote each WHITE card you have received:

q **FOR ALL** nominees on Proposal 1;

q **FOR** the ratification of BDO on Proposal 2; and

q **AGAINST** Yucaipa's precatory proposal to amend the Rights Agreement on Proposal 3.

If you have any questions about how to vote or if you need additional assistance, please call Andy Milevoj at 212-633-3489 or Innisfree M&A Incorporated at (877) 456-3422.

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This communication is being directed to you by Barnes & Noble, Inc. because you are an employee of Barnes & Noble. Barnes & Noble is not acting as a fiduciary or providing any investment advice relating to Barnes & Noble's 401(k) Plan.

**Important Information and Certain Information Regarding Participants**

On August 25, 2010, Barnes & Noble, Inc. ( "Barnes & Noble" ) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" ) a definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2010 Annual Meeting and has mailed the definitive proxy statement to its stockholders. The definitive proxy statement contains information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of Barnes & Noble's directors, its director nominees and certain of its officers that may be deemed, along with Barnes & Noble, to be participants in the solicitation of Barnes & Noble's stockholders in connection with its 2010 Annual Meeting. **Security holders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available, because they contain (or will contain) important information.** Security holders may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement and other documents (when available) that Barnes & Noble files with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), at Barnes & Noble's website at [www.barnesandnobleinc.com](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com) and from Barnes & Noble by directing a request to Barnes & Noble, Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, 122 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.

**Safe Harbor**

This communication contains forward-looking statements. Barnes & Noble is including this statement for the express purpose of availing itself of the protections of the safe harbor provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to all such forward-looking statements. When used in this communication, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, will, projection and similar expressions, as they relate to Barnes & Noble or the management or Board of Directors of Barnes & Noble, identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on currently available information and represent the beliefs of the management of the company. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. These risks include, but are not limited to, general economic and market conditions, decreased consumer demand for the company's products, possible disruptions in the company's computer systems, telephone systems or supply chain, possible risks associated with data privacy and information security, possible work stoppages or increases in labor costs, possible increases in shipping rates or interruptions in shipping service, effects of competition, possible disruptions or delays in the opening of new stores or the inability to obtain suitable sites for new stores, higher than anticipated store closing or relocation costs, higher interest rates, the performance of the company's online, digital and other initiatives, the performance and successful integration of acquired businesses, the success of the company's strategic investments, unanticipated increases in merchandise, component or occupancy costs, unanticipated adverse litigation results or effects, the results or effects of any governmental review of the company's stock option practices, product and component shortages, effects of the company's evaluation of strategic alternatives and other factors which may be outside of the company's control. Please refer to the company's annual, quarterly and periodic reports on file with the SEC for a more detailed discussion of these and other risks that could cause results to differ materially. The company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.