

BARNES & NOBLE INC  
Form DEFA14A  
September 22, 2011

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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  
(Amendment No. )

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Barnes & Noble, Inc.

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On September 22, 2011, Barnes & Noble, Inc. sent the following letter to shareholders:

122 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10011

September 22, 2011

Dear Stockholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the annual meeting of stockholders of Barnes & Noble, Inc., scheduled to be held on October 28, 2011. Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that stockholders vote FOR Proposals 1, 2 and 4, and ONE YEAR on Proposal 3.

Your vote is important, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. Please vote TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

EUGENE V. DEFELICE  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary

**REMEMBER:**

You can vote your shares by telephone, or via the Internet.  
Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting  
your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED  
TOLL-FREE, at 1-877-456-3422.