

BURKLE RONALD W
Form SC 13D/A
March 31, 2010

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13D/A

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 5)***

BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

067774109

(CUSIP Number)

Robert P. Bermingham

The Yucaipa Companies LLC

9130 W. Sunset Boulevard

Los Angeles, California 90069

(310) 789-7200

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 29, 2010

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 067774109

- 1 Name of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)
Ronald W. Burkle
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a) x
(b) o
- 3 SEC Use Only
- 4 Source of Funds*
OO, WC
- 5 Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
- 6 Citizenship or Place of Organization
United States
- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7 | Sole Voting Power 0 shares |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 10,741,213 shares |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 0 shares |
| | 10 | Shared Dispositive Power 10,741,213 shares |
- 11 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
10,741,213 shares
- 12 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
- 13 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
18.7%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
IN

* See Instructions

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- 1 Name of Reporting Persons
 I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)
 Yucaipa American Management, LLC
 30-0013506
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
 (a) x
 (b) o
- 3 SEC Use Only
- 4 Source of Funds*
 OO, WC
- 5 Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
- 6 Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Delaware
- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7 | Sole Voting Power 0 shares |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 10,741,213 shares |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 0 shares |
| | 10 | Shared Dispositive Power 10,741,213 shares |
- 11 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
 10,741,213 shares
- 12 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
- 13 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
 18.7%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
 OO

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- 1 Name of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)
Yucaipa American Funds, LLC
30-0013485
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a) x
(b) o
- 3 SEC Use Only
- 4 Source of Funds*
OO, WC
- 5 Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
- 6 Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware
- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7 | Sole Voting Power 0 shares |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 10,741,213 shares |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 0 shares |
| | 10 | Shared Dispositive Power 10,741,213 shares |
- 11 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
10,741,213 shares
- 12 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
- 13 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
18.7%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
OO

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- 1 Name of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)
Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, LLC
26-2119718
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a) x
(b) o
- 3 SEC Use Only
- 4 Source of Funds*
OO, WC
- 5 Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
- 6 Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware
- | | | |
|---|----|---|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7 | Sole Voting Power 0 shares |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 10,741,213 shares |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 0 shares |
| | 10 | Shared Dispositive Power 10,741,213 shares |
- 11 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
10,741,213 shares
- 12 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
- 13 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
18.7%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
OO

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CUSIP No. 067774109

- 1 Name of Reporting Persons
 I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)
 Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, L.P.
 26-2119783
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
 (a) x
 (b) o
- 3 SEC Use Only
- 4 Source of Funds*
 OO, WC
- 5 Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
- 6 Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Delaware
- | | | |
|---|----|--|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7 | Sole Voting Power 6,475,301 shares |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 0 shares |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 6,475,301 shares |
| | 10 | Shared Dispositive Power 0 shares |
- 11 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
 6,475,301 shares
- 12 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
- 13 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
 11.2%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
 PN

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- 1 Name of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (Entities Only)
Yucaipa American Alliance (Parallel) Fund II, L.P.
26-2119907
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a) x
(b) o
- 3 SEC Use Only
- 4 Source of Funds*
OO, WC
- 5 Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
- 6 Citizenship or Place of Organization
U.S. Citizen
- | | | |
|---|----|--|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7 | Sole Voting Power 4,265,912 shares |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 0 shares |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 4,265,912 shares |
| | 10 | Shared Dispositive Power 0 shares |
- 11 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
4,265,912 shares
- 12 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
- 13 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
7.4%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
PN

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This Amendment No. 5 amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on January 2, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, filed with the SEC on November 13, 2009, Amendment No. 2 thereto, filed with the SEC on November 17, 2009, Amendment No. 3 thereto, filed with the SEC on February 1, 2010, and Amendment No. 4 thereto, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2010 (together, this Schedule 13D), by (i) Ronald W. Burkle, an individual, (ii) Yucaipa American Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Yucaipa American), (iii) Yucaipa American Funds, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Yucaipa American Funds), (iv) Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (YAAF II LLC), (v) Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (YAAF II), and (vi) Yucaipa American Alliance (Parallel) Fund II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (YAAF II Parallel) and, together with Mr. Burkle, Yucaipa American, Yucaipa American Funds, YAAF II LLC and YAAF II, the Reporting Persons), with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock), of Barnes & Noble, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company). The filing of any amendment to this Schedule 13D (including the filing of this Amendment No. 5) shall not be construed to be an admission by the Reporting Persons that a material change has occurred in the facts set forth in this Schedule 13D or that such amendment is required under Rule 13d-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

Item 4 of this Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented as follows:

On March 29, 2010, representatives of the Reporting Persons and representatives of the Company discussed the Company's corporate governance practices. The representatives of the Reporting Persons also reiterated (a) their request that the Company's poison pill, which was implemented by the Company on November 17, 2009 without shareholder approval, either be redeemed or amended to allow any shareholder to acquire the same level of share ownership as the Riggio family and (b) their request for clarification that the Riggio family cannot acquire additional shares under the terms of the poison pill. The representatives of the Reporting Persons also recommended that the Company improve its corporate governance practices by adding three to four new, independent directors to the Company's Board of Directors.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 31, 2010

RONALD W. BURKLE

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

YUCAIPA AMERICAN MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle
Name: Ronald W. Burkle
Its: Managing Member

YUCAIPA AMERICAN FUNDS, LLC

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle
Name: Ronald W. Burkle
Its: Managing Member

YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND II, LLC

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle
Name: Ronald W. Burkle
Its: Managing Member

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YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND II, L.P.

By: Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, LLC
Its: General Partner

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle
Name: Ronald W. Burkle
Its: Managing Member

YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE (PARALLEL) FUND II, L.P.

By: Yucaipa American Alliance Fund II, LLC
Its: General Partner

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC
Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle
Name: Ronald W. Burkle
Its: Managing Member

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of January 2, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons with the SEC on January 2, 2009). |
| 99.2 | Letter dated January 28, 2010 from Ron Burkle to Company's board of directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Amendment No. 3 to this Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons with the SEC on February 1, 2010). |