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BARNES & NOBLE, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND II, L.P. YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE (PARALLEL) FUND II, L.P. YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND II, LLC YUCAIPA AMERICAN FUNDS, LLC YUCAIPA AMERICAN MANAGEMENT, LLC THE YUCAIPA COMPANIES LLC RONALD W. BURKLE STEPHEN F. BOLLENBACH MICHAEL S. MCQUARY ROBERT P. BERMINGHAM

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The Yucaipa Companies

Analysis of Public Investments by Ron Burkle/Yucaipa

Amounts in Millions Except for Per Share Data

	Initial Investment					Exit or Current Value					Comparative S&P Return Value			
	Status	Date ¹	Share Price ²	Shares Out	Market Cap	Date ³	Share Price ⁴	Shares Out	Market Cap	CAGR ⁹	Value at Investment ⁵	at Exit ⁵	CAGR	Va
antic & Pacific	Live	7/31/2009	5.81	57.9	336.4	9/17/2010	3.91	56.2	219.6	-31.4%	987.5	1,124.7	12.2%	
	Realized	3/24/2005	4.48	30.1	134.7	12/3/2007	12.85	57.6	739.8	88.1%	1,171.4	1,472.4	8.9%	
Companies ⁶	Realized	3/22/2001	23.72	39.8	942.9	12/18/2001	19.55	44.4	867.2	-10.7%	1,117.6	1,142.9	3.1%	
	Realized	1/12/2001	6.44	483.4	3,111.8	9/26/2001	7.30	497.0	3,627.8	24.3%	1,318.3	1,007.0	-31.8%	
er	Realized	9/9/1997	28.13	26.8	753.1	5/28/1999	54.38	156.0	8,484.5	310.4%	933.6	1,301.8	21.4%	
oods	Realized	5/23/1996	28.13	25.1	705.1	9/9/1997	58.88	15.9	933.6	24.1%	676.0	933.6	28.2%	
s	Realized	10/30/1996	19.38	21.4	413.8	11/17/1998	48.94	21.5	1,053.7	57.8%	700.9	1,139.3	26.8%	
							Weight	ed Averaș	ge CAGR	53.4%				

General Notes

- 1.) Date of Initial Investment: Reference date of first 13D or other public announcement associated with an investment
- 2.) Share Price at Initial Investment: Refers to price of common equity at closing on day prior. Source = Bloomberg
- 3.) Date of Exit (or Current Date): Reference date of final 13D or other public statement announcing Yucaipa s exit
- 4.) Share Price at Exit (or Current Price): Refers to price of common equity at closing of prior day. Source = Bloomberg
- 5.) Value of S&P 500 at Investment & Exit (or Current Value). Source = CapitalIQ

Investment Notes

- 6.) Prior to initial 13D filing, at which time, the share price was \$23.72, Yucaipa accumulated a meaningful position at an average price of \$12.99. Accordingly, Yucaipa s actual gross return was 55.6% as calculated on a gross basis and does not include adjustment for any incentive or other fee arrangements. This return was calculated using a time weighted IRR on actual cash flows measured on the initial investment date and the investment realization date
- 7.) Kmart was a personal investment for Ron Burkle and not part of Yucaipa s corporate investment strategy
- 8.) Exit date and share price refer to Ron Burkle s 2nd 13D filing in September 2001 announcing his exit. Kmart shares fell significantly thereafter, prior to his final 13D filing

Calculation Notes

9.) CAGR is calculated as the annualized percentage increase in Market Capitalization during Yucaipa s publicly announced holding period

The Yucaipa Companies

Supporting Documentation

Document	Date	Prior Date	Closing Price	Shares Out	Market Cap	Comment		
Great Atlantic & Pacific								
SEC Form 3	7/31/2009	7/30/2009	5.81	57.9	336.4	announcement of acquisition		
Pathmark								
8-K	3/24/2005	3/23/2005	4.48	30.1	134.7	Press release issued re/Yucaipa Investment		
8-K	12/3/2007	12/2/2007	12.85	57.6	739.8	Last closing price before sale to A&P		
Fleming Companies								
13D	3/22/2001	3/21/2001	23.72	39.8	942.9	announcement of acquisition		
13D	12/18/2001	12/17/2001	19.55	44.4	867.2	announcement of divestiture		
Kmart								
13D	1/12/2001	1/11/2001	6.44	483.4	3,111.8	announcement of 1st acquisition		
13D	9/26/2001	9/25/2001	7.30	497.0	3,627.8	announcement of 1st major divestiture		
13D	1/17/2002	1/16/2002	1.60	498.4	797.5	announcement of final divestiture		
Fred Meyer								
10-Q	9/9/1997	9/8/1997	28.13	26.8	753.1	Date of Smiths Merger		
News Announcement	5/28/1999	5/27/1999	54.38	156.0	8,484.5	Date of Kroger Merger		
Smiths Foods								
Press Release	5/23/1996	5/22/1996	28.13	25.1	705.1	Date of Smith's merger with Smitty's		
10-Q	9/9/1997	9/8/1997	58.88	15.9	933.6	Date of merger with \Fred Meyer		
Dominick's								
S-1	10/30/1996	10/30/1996	19.38	21.4	413.8	IPO Price. Shares out from S-1 filing		
Press Release (SWY)	11/17/1998	11/16/1998	48.94	21.5	1,053.7	Last closing price before sale to Safeway		