

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 222 BERKELEY STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/16/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 See remarks.

BOSTON, MA 02116

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 09/16/2014 | | M | | 34,763 | A | \$ 12.5 |
| | | | | | | | 46,129 |
| Common Stock | 09/16/2014 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 34,763 | D | \$ 19.7988 |
| | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2014 | | M | | 2,237 | A | \$ 12.5 |
| | | | | | | | 13,603 |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2014 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,237 | D | \$ 19.975 |
| | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> |
| | | | | | | | 11,366 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$19.69 to \$19.96. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company") or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$19.81 to \$20.13. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) 50% of this grant of employee stock options has vested and is currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in two equal installments on June 22, 2015 and June 22, 2016, subject to continued employment with the Company.
- (4)

Remarks:

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and General

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