Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 February 02, 2016

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Middle)

01/31/2016

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) See remarks.

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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BOSTON, MA 02116

| (City)                               | (State)                              | (Zip) Table   | e I - Non-D                            | erivative  | Secur | rities Acq   | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial                                      | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |          |
|                                      |                                      |   | Code V                                 | Amount   | (D)   | Price  | (Ilisti. 3 alid 4)   |   |          |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/31/2016                           |   | M                                      | 434  | A     | \$0(1)   | 49,993   | D   |          |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 01/31/2016                           |   | F                                      | 200  | D     | \$<br>17.84  | 49,793   | D   |          |

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

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Transaction of Code Derivative |                     | Expiration Date    |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |      |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)                        | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                        |      |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (2)   | 01/31/2016                              |   | M                                       | 434                            | (3)                 | (3)                | Common<br>Stock | 434   | \$ 0 |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Kiationsmps |           |         |       |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
|                                | Director    | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |

Cullinane Mary Johanna C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

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#### **Signatures**

/s/ William F. Bayers,
Attorney-in-Fact
02/02/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 434 restricted stock units held by Ms. Cullinane vested on January 31, 2016 and were settled in exchange for a like amount of shares of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company's (the "Company") common stock, subject to the Company's withholding of 200 shares of common stock to satisfy withholding obligations in connection with federal, state, local or other taxes required to be withheld or paid in connection with the settlement of the restricted stock units.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (3) The remaining restricted stock units shall vest on January 31, 2017, subject to continued employment with the Company.

#### **Remarks:**

Executive Vice President and Chief Content Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and Genera Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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