Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 March 03, 2016

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Paradise Bridgett

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2016

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) See remarks.

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State)

(Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. Number iomf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/	Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
			Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2016	A	7,154	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	7,154	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Paradise Bridgett C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

Signatures

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

03/03/2016

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

This grant of restricted stock units has a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting.

Remarks:

Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Chief People Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Sec

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