Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 March 07, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cannon Timothy Lon

(First)

(State)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

[HMHC]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Zip)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below)

See remarks.

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

BOSTON, MA 02116

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/03/2016		Code V $F_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 627	(D)	Price \$ 19.77	12,169	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2016		M	30,000	A	\$ 12.5	42,169	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2016		S(2)	30,000	D	\$ 20	12,169	D	

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1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	03/04/2016		M	30,000	(3)	06/22/2019	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

See remarks.

Signatures

BOSTON, MA 02116

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

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- (1) Represents the issuer's withholding of shares to satisfy federal, state, local or other tax obligations associated with the vesting of certain shares of time-based vesting restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 3, 2015.
- (2) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (3) These employee stock options have vested and are currently exercisable.

Remarks:

Executive Vice President, Global Strategic Alliances and Office of the CEO. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President

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