Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 March 02, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bayers William Frederick

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

[HMHC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2017

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

See remarks.

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,, 125 HIGH

STREET

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

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

BOSTON, MA 02110

(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 Reported

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

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 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)	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)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/28/2017		A	19,910	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	19,910

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bayers William Frederick C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 125 HIGH STREET BOSTON, MA 02110

See remarks.

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Signatures

/s/ William F.

Bayers 03/02/2017

**Signature of Date
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, Secretary and General Counsel.

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