

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
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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 *
 Colangelo Brook Mickey

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)
 07/28/2014

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

BOSTON, MA 02116
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	07/28/2014		M		1,668 A \$ 12.5	1,668	D
Common Stock	07/28/2014		S ⁽¹⁾		1,668 D \$ 17.5	0	D
Common Stock	07/28/2014		M		2,498 A \$ 13.48	2,498	D
Common Stock	07/28/2014		S ⁽¹⁾		2,498 D \$ 17.5	0	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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	07/28/2014		M	1,668	<u>(2)</u> 01/07/2020	Common Stock	1,668
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.48	07/28/2014		M	2,498	<u>(3)</u> 07/25/2020	Common Stock	2,498

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Colangelo Brook Mickey 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116				See remarks.

Signatures

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

07/29/2014

**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) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
25% of this grant of employee stock options has vested and is currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in three equal
- (2) installments on January 7, 2015, January 7, 2016 and January 7, 2017, subject to continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company").
- (3) 25% of this grant of employee stock options has vested and is currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in three equal installments on July 25, 2015, July 25, 2016 and July 25, 2017, subject to continued employment with the Company.

Remarks:

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

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