Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 February 29, 2016

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

DOLAN MICHAEL Issuer Symbol Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co (Check all applicable) [HMHC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN 02/25/2016 See remarks. HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

BOSTON. MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 02/25/2016 D M 10,000 10,863 Stock Common $S^{(1)}$ 02/25/2016 10,000 D 863 D Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	02/25/2016		M	10,000	(2)	01/30/2020	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOLAN MICHAEL C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

Signatures

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

02/29/2016

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).
- (1) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) These employee stock options have vested and are currently exercisable.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. The reporting person serves as the Company's Principal Accounting Officer.

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