Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 June 10, 2014

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cullinane Mary Johanna			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Other (specify		
222 BERKELEY STREET			06/09/2014	below) below) See remarks.		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
BOSTON, MA 02116			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zin)				

(City)	(State)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acord Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Amount (D)	(D) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	06/09/2014		M	15,000 A	\$ 12.5	15,000	D			
Common Stock	06/09/2014		S <u>(1)</u>	15,000 D	\$ 18.8786 (2)	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. 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	06/09/2014		M	15,000	(3)	06/22/2019	Common Stock	15,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cullinane Mary Johanna 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

### **Signatures**

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

06/10/2014

\*\*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.
- The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$18.30 to \$19.00. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company") or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (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 June 22, 2014, June 22, 2015 and June 22, 2016, subject to continued employment with the Company.

#### Remarks:

Chief Content Officer and Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Se

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