Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 July 01, 2014

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Cannon Timothy Lon Issuer Symbol Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co (Check all applicable) [HMHC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 222 BERKELEY STREET 06/27/2014 See remarks. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **BOSTON, MA 02116** Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y 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)	omr Dispo	. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price		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	06/27/2014		M	8,500	A	\$ 12.5	8,500	D	
Common Stock	06/27/2014		S <u>(1)</u>	8,500	D	\$ 19.3387 (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		cisable and Pate (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	06/27/2014		M	8,500	(3)	06/22/2019	Common Stock	8,500

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cannon Timothy Lon 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

### **Signatures**

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

07/01/2014

\*\*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 \$19.04 to \$19.50. 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) 50% of this grant of employee stock options has vested and is currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in two equal installments on June 22, 2015 and June 22, 2016, subject to continued employment with the Company.

#### **Remarks:**

Executive Vice President, HMH International and Global Strategic Alliances. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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