Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 July 23, 2014

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 *

Paradise Bridgett

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

[HMHC]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

07/22/2014

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify See remarks.

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

BOSTON, MA 02116

(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. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

(A)

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

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	Pate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.75	07/22/2014		A	60,000	<u>(1)</u>	07/22/2021	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Paradise Bridgett C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

Signatures

/s/ Bridgett
Paradise
07/23/2014

**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).
- (1) This grant of stock options vests in four equal installments on July 22, 2015, July 22, 2016, July 22, 2017 and July 22, 2018, subject to continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Chief People Officer.

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