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Stock

Stock

Common

03/27/2015

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Colangelo Brook Mickey 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 03/27/2015 See remarks. HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET (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** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect **Following** (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/27/2015 \$ 13.48 41,388 D M 4,167 Α

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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4,167

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 13.48	03/27/2015		M	4,167	(3)	07/25/2020	Common Stock	4,167

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Colangelo Brook Mickey C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

Signatures

/s/ William F. Bayers,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/31/2015

**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 \$22.74 to \$23.07. 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 July 25, 2015, July 25, 2016 and July 25, 2017, subject to continued employment with the Company.

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Remarks:

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

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