Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 5

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OMB APPROVAL FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer **DOLAN MICHAEL** Symbol Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co (Check all applicable) [HMHC] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2015 See remarks. C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., Â 222 BERKELEY STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) BOSTON, MAÂ 02116 _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at Direct (D) Ownership end of or Indirect (Instr. 4) Issuer's (I) Fiscal Year (Instr. 4) (A) (Instr. 3 and Amount (D) Price Common Â Â 05/13/2014 M4 10,000 Α \$ 12.5 10,000 D Stock Common Â 18.4501 Â 05/13/2014 $S4^{(1)}$ 10,000 D 0 D Stock

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6,500

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	Common Stock	07/27/2015	Â	S4 <u>(1)</u>	6,500	D	\$ 26.4028 (6)	431	D	Â
	Common Stock	07/27/2015	Â	M4	6,500	A	\$ 13.48	6,931	D	Â
	Common Stock	02/04/2015	Â	S4 <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 20.3491 (5)	431	D	Â
	Common Stock	02/04/2015	Â	M4	10,000	A	\$ 12.5	10,431	D	Â
	Common Stock	01/31/2015	Â	F4(4)	262	D	\$ 19.68 (4)	431	D	Â
	Common Stock	01/31/2015	Â	M4(4)	693	A	\$ 0 (4)	693	D	Â
	Common Stock	07/25/2014	Â	S4 <u>(1)</u>	6,500	D	\$ 17.3227 (3)	0	D	Â
	Common Stock									

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of
Restricted Stock Units	Â	01/31/2014	Â	A4	2,080	Â	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	2
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	05/13/2014	Â	M4	Â	10,000	(8)	01/30/2020	Common Stock	10
Employee Stock	\$ 13.48	07/25/2014	Â	M4	Â	6,500	(9)	07/25/2020	Common Stock	6

Option (Right to Buy)										
Restricted Stock Units	Â	01/31/2015	Â	M4 (4)	Â	693	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	02/04/2015	Â	M4	Â	10,000	(8)	01/30/2020	Common Stock	10
Restricted Stock Units	Â	03/03/2015	Â	A4	3,980	Â	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	3
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.48	07/27/2015	Â	M4	Â	6,500	(9)	07/25/2020	Common Stock	6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DOLAN MICHAEL							
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.	Â	$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Delta}}$	See remarks.	Â			
222 BERKELEY STREET	7.1	71	71 See Telliarks.	11			
BOSTON, MA 02116							

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
Dolan

**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 \$18.45 to \$18.47. 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.
- The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$17.28 to \$17.39. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 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.

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- 693 restricted stock units held by the reporting person vested on January 31, 2015 and were settled in exchange for a like amount of shares of the Company's common stock, subject to the Company's withholding of 262 shares of common stock to satisfy withholding obligations in connection with federal, state, local or other taxes required to be withheld or paid in connection with the settlement of the restricted stock units.
- The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$20.00 to \$20.46. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 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.
- The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$26.195 to \$26.58. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 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.
- This grant of 2,080 restricted stock units occurred on January 31, 2014, with a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with the Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting.
- (8) This grant of 40,000 stock options occurred on January 30, 2013, with a vesting schedule of four equal installments (one on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with the Company.
- (9) This grant of 26,000 stock options occurred on July 25, 2013, with a vesting schedule of four equal installments (one on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with the Company.
- This grant of 3,980 restricted stock units occurred on March 3, 2015, with a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with the Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting.

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Remarks:

Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. The reporting person has served as the Company's P

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