Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 May 11, 2016

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).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>DOLAN MICHAEL</u>

(First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

[HMHC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction _____ Director _____ 10% Owner

Issuer

(Month/Day/Year) __X_ Officer (give title below)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

See remarks.

Applicable Line)

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

Person

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

 $\begin{array}{cccc} & & & & & Reported \\ & & & & Transaction(s) \\ & & or & & (Instr. \ 3 \ and \ 4) \\ \end{array}$ 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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and a Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/09/2016		A	26,925	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	26,925

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOLAN MICHAEL C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

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Signatures

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

05/11/2016

**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).

This grant of restricted stock units has a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. The reporting person serves as the Company's Principal Accounting Officer.

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