

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DRAGOON JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/29/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 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)
 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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | M | | 2,500 A \$ 12.5 | 15,297 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,500 D \$ 19 | 12,797 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | M | | 22,500 A \$ 12.5 | 35,297 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 22,500 D \$ 19.019 | 12,797 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|----------------------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/02/2016 | M | 25,000 | A | \$ 12.5 | 37,797 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2016 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 25,000 | D | \$ 19,276 <u>(3)</u> | 12,797 | 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. 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 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 | 02/29/2016 | | M | 2,500 | <u>(4)</u> 06/22/2019 | Common Stock | 2,500 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.5 | 03/01/2016 | | M | 22,500 | <u>(4)</u> 06/22/2019 | Common Stock | 22,500 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.5 | 03/02/2016 | | M | 25,000 | <u>(4)</u> 06/22/2019 | Common Stock | 25,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

See remarks.

DRAGOON JOHN
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,
222 BERKELEY STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Signatures

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

03/02/2016

__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).
- (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 \$19.00 to \$19.11. 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.
 - (2) The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$19.17 to \$19.35. 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.
 - (3) These employee stock options have vested and are currently exercisable.
 - (4)

Remarks:

Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel.

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