

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Short Mark Paul | | (Month/Day/Year) | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 11/13/2013 | |
| 222 BERKELEY STREET | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02116 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | See Remarks | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

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|---|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 11/26/2019 | Common Stock | 40,000 | \$ 12.5 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/25/2020 | Common Stock | 60,000 | \$ 13.48 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Short Mark Paul 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116 | Â | Â | Â See Remarks | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Mark P. Short 11/13/2013

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Mr. Short's stock options vest in four equal installments on November 26, 2013, November 26, 2014, November 26, 2015 and November 26, 2016, subject to Mr. Short's continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company").
- (2) Mr. Short's stock options vest in four equal installments on July 25, 2014, July 25, 2015, July 25, 2016 and July 25, 2017, subject to Mr. Short's continued employment with the Company.

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Remarks:

Senior Vice President, International Markets

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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