

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Cullinane Mary Johanna

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)  
 04/24/2015

\_\_\_\_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/24/2015		M		15,000	A	\$ 13.48
							64,559
Common Stock	04/24/2015		S <sup>(1)</sup>		10,900	D	\$ 25.3921
							53,659
Common Stock	04/24/2015		S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,100	D	\$ 26.0439
							49,559

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.48	04/24/2015		M	15,000	<u>(4)</u> 07/25/2020	Common Stock	15,000	

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cullinane Mary Johanna  
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,  
222 BERKELEY STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

## Signatures

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

04/28/2015

\*\*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.

(2) The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$25.00 to \$25.78. 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)

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The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$26.00 to \$26.55. 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.

- (4) 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.

**Remarks:**

Chief Content Officer and Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Se

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