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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

DRAGOON JOHN Issuer Symbol Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co (Check all applicable) [HMHC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year)

03/03/2016

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

> Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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

below)

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. 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/03/2016 $F^{(1)}$ 625 12,172 D D 1977 Stock

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)

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

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Number:

Expires:

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

See remarks.

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

See remarks.

Signatures

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

03/07/2016

**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) Represents the issuer's withholding of shares to satisfy federal, state, local or other tax obligations associated with the vesting of certain shares of time-based vesting restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 3, 2015.

Remarks:

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

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