Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4/A May 16, 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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Cullinane Mary Johanna 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) below) C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN 03/03/2016 See remarks. HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET (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 03/07/2016 Form filed by More than One Reporting BOSTON, MA 02116 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/03/2016		M(1)	12,486	A	\$ 12.5	62,279	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2016		M(1)	2,514	A	\$ 13.48	64,793	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on 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	03/03/2016		M(1)	12,486	(2)	06/22/2019	Common Stock	12,486
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.48	03/03/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	2,514	(2)	07/25/2020	Common Stock	2,514

## **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 05/16/2016

\*\*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 amendment is being filed to reflect the fact that the 15,000 shares sold by the reporting person on March 3, 2016 (as reported on the Form 4 filed by the reporting person on March 7, 2016) were acquired by the reporting person as a result of the exercise of options from two separate grants (with different strike prices) rather than a single grant, as was previously reported. This amendment also amends the other line items in the previously filed Form 4 affected by this correction.
- (2) These employee stock options have vested and are currently exercisable.

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#### **Remarks:**

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

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