

Bayers William Frederick  
Form 4  
March 04, 2019

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Bayers William Frederick

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN  
HARCOURT CO., 125 HIGH  
STREET

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/28/2019

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

See remarks.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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	02/28/2019		M		9,654	A	\$ 0 (1)	35,129	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2019		F		2,814	D	\$ 7.91	32,315	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2019		M		3,748	A	\$ 0 (2)	36,063	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2019		F		1,103	D	\$ 8.16	34,960	D	

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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 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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/28/2019		M	9,654	(4) (4)	Common Stock	9,654 \$
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	03/01/2019		M	3,748	(2) (2)	Common Stock	3,748 \$

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bayers William Frederick  
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,  
125 HIGH STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

See remarks.

## Signatures

/s/ William F.

Bayers

03/04/2019

\*\*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).

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9,654 restricted stock units held by Mr. Bayers vested on February 28, 2019 and were settled in exchange for a like amount of shares of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company's (the "Company") common stock, subject to the Company's withholding of 2,814 shares of common stock to satisfy withholding obligations in connection with federal, state, local or other taxes required to be withheld or paid in connection with the settlement of the restricted stock units.

- (2) 3,748 restricted stock units held by Mr. Bayers vested on March 1, 2019 and were settled in exchange for a like amount of shares of the Company's common stock, subject to the Company's withholding of 1,103 shares of common stock to satisfy withholding obligations in connection with federal, state, local or other taxes required to be withheld or paid in connection with the settlement of the restricted stock units.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) The remaining restricted stock units shall vest on February 28, 2020, subject to continued employment with the Company.

### Remarks:

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel.

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