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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Abbott Joseph Patrick Jr.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) HTON MIFFL T CO.,, 125 H		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2019					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) See Remarks.			
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
Fil				th/Day/Year))			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
BOSTON, MA 02110								Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med 3. 4. Securities Acquired on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock	02/28/2019			M	16,893	A	\$ 0 (1)	56,167	D		
Common Stock	02/28/2019			F	5,295	D	\$ 7.91	50,872	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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. I De Sec (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/28/2019		M	16,893	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	16,893	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Abbott Joseph Patrick Jr. C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 125 HIGH STREET BOSTON, MA 02110

See Remarks.

Signatures

/s/ William F. Bayers,
Attorney-in-Fact
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).
- (1)
 16,893 restricted stock units held by Mr. Abbott 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 5,295 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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (3) The remaining restricted stock units shall vest on February 28, 2020, subject to continued employment with the Company.

Remarks:

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

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