

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 \*  
**DOLAN MICHAEL**

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)  
**01/31/2016**

\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/31/2016		M	694	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,125	D
Common Stock	01/31/2016		F	262	D	\$ 17.84	863	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. 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/31/2016		M	694	(2)      (2)	Common Stock	694
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

DOLAN MICHAEL  
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.  
222 BERKELEY STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

See remarks.

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Dolan

02/16/2016

\*\*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).

(1) 694 restricted stock units held by the reporting person vested on January 31, 2016 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 262 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) This grant of 2,080 restricted stock units occurred on January 31, 2014, with a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with the Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting.

### Remarks:

Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. The reporting person serves as the Company's Principal Accounting Officer.

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