

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
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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 *
 Colangelo Brook Mickey

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)
 03/01/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 See remarks.

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 125 HIGH 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 02110

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2017 | | M | 4,088 | A | \$ 0 (1) 39,667 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2017 | | F | 1,874 | D | \$ 11 37,793 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 10 | I | By spouse |

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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/01/2017 | | M | 4,088 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 4,088 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Colangelo Brook Mickey C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 125 HIGH STREET BOSTON, MA 02110 | | | | See remarks. |

Signatures

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

03/03/2017

**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) 4,088 restricted stock units held by Mr. Colangelo vested on March 1, 2017 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 1,874 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 in two equal installments on March 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019, subject to continued employment with the Company.

Remarks:

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

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