

Bayers William Frederick  
 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 \*  
 Bayers William Frederick

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)  
 02/28/2019

\_\_\_\_ 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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code V	Amount			
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)
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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