Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC] **DRAGOON JOHN** (Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 222 BERKELEY STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person BOSTON, MAÂ 02116 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One See Remarks Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	Ownership E	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)

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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 06/22/2019 \stackrel{Common}{Stock} 1$,

1,228,070 \$ 12.5

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DRAGOON JOHN

222 BERKELEY STREET See Remarks BOSTON, MAÂ 02116

Signatures

/s/ John K. Dragoon 11/13/2013

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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25% of Mr. Dragoon's stock options have vested and are currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in three equal (1) installments on June 22, 2014, June 22, 2015 and June 22, 2016, subject to Mr. Dragoon's continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company.

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Remarks:

Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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