Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 March 03, 2016

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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response...

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Zecher Linda Kay

(Last)

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

[HMHC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2016

below) See remarks.

HARCOURT CO.,, 222 BERKELEY STREET

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)	Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/01/2016		A	66,428	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	66,428

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Pauress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Zecher Linda Kay C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO., 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116	X		See remarks.		

Signatures

/s/ William F. Bayers,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/03/2016

**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).

This grant of restricted stock units has a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), subject to continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting.

Remarks:

President and Chief Executive Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of to Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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