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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number: 3235-02 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Expires: 20 Estimated aurage burden hours per								3235-0287 January 31, 2005 average			
DOLAN MICHAEL Sym Hou			Symbol Houghte	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
()			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2017					Director 10% Owner XOfficer (give titleOther (specify below) below) See remarks.			
				endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Data (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	05/09/2017			М	8,975	А	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	12,327	D		
Common Stock	05/09/2017			F	3,370	D	\$ 12.95	8,957	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	05/09/2017		М	8,975	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	8,975	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DOLAN MICHAEL C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT 125 HIGH STREET BOSTON, MA 02110	CO.,		See remarks.				
Signatures							
/s/ William F. Bayers, Attorney-in-Fact	05/11/2017						
**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).

8,975 restricted stock units held by Mr. Dolan vested on May 9, 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 3,370 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 May 9, 2018 and May 9, 2019, subject to continued employment with the Company.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. The reporting person serves as the Company's Principal Accounting Officer. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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