

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Zecher Linda Kay | | (Month/Day/Year) | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 222 BERKELEY STREET | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) See Remarks | |
| BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02116 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 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 (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

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|---|-------|------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 06/22/2019 | Common Stock | 3,684,210 | \$ 12.5 | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 34,884 | \$ (3) | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (4) | Â (4) | Common Stock | 110,000 | \$ (3) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zecher Linda Kay 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116 | Â X | Â | Â See Remarks | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Linda K.
Zecher

11/13/2013

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
50% of Ms. Zecher's stock options have vested and are currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in two equal installments
(1) on June 22, 2014 and June 22, 2015, subject to Ms. Zecher's continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company").
(2) Ms. Zecher's restricted stock units vest on January 30, 2014, subject to Ms. Zecher's continued employment with the Company.
(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
(4) Ms. Zecher's restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on August 1, 2014, August 1, 2015 and August 1, 2016, subject to Ms. Zecher's continued employment with the Company.

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Remarks:

President and Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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