

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Bayers William Frederick		(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 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**

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)**

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			

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	06/22/2019	Common Stock	654,970	\$ 12.5	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	4,652	\$ (3)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bayers William Frederick 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116	Â	Â	Â See Remarks	Â

## Signatures

/s/ William F. Bayers  
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).  
25% of Mr. Bayers' stock options have vested and are currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in three equal installments  
(1) on June 22, 2014, June 22, 2015 and June 22, 2016, subject to Mr. Bayers' continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company").  
(2) Mr. Bayers' restricted stock units vest on January 30, 2014, subject to Mr. Bayers' continued employment with the Company.  
(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.

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### Remarks:

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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