

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Zecher Linda Kay

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN
 HARCOURT CO., 222
 BERKELEY STREET

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co
 [HMHC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 See remarks.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/17/2014		M		29,577	A	\$ 12.5
							30,623
Common Stock	12/17/2014		S ⁽¹⁾		29,577	D	\$ 19.9739
							<u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	12/18/2014		M		18,752	A	\$ 12.5
							19,798
Common Stock	12/18/2014		S ⁽¹⁾		18,752	D	\$ 20.206
							<u>(3)</u>
							1,046

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Common Stock	12/19/2014	M	26,671	A	\$ 12.5	27,717	D
Common Stock	12/19/2014	<u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾	26,671	D	\$ <u>20.3161</u> ⁽⁴⁾	1,046	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	12/17/2014		M	29,577	<u>(4)</u> 06/22/2019	Common Stock	29,577	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	12/18/2014		M	18,752	<u>(4)</u> 06/22/2019	Common Stock	18,752	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	12/19/2014		M	26,671	<u>(4)</u> 06/22/2019	Common Stock	26,671	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
X		See remarks.	

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Signatures

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

12/19/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$19.76 to \$20.10. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company") or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$20.09 to \$20.30. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) The sale price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged from \$20.16 to \$20.42. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

Remarks:

President and Chief Executive Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the

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