

Else-Mitchell Rose  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Else-Mitchell Rose

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/08/2018

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

C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN  
HARCOURT CO., 125 HIGH  
STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2018                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 0<br>(1)   | 19,585   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2018                           |  | F                              | D   | \$ 5.4  | 18,328   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2018                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 0<br>(2)   | 19,196   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2018                           |  | F                              | D   | \$ 5.4  | 18,902   | D                                 |

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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 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) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                              | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  | 08/08/2018                           |  | M                              | 3,703   | (4) (4)  | (4) (4)   | Common Stock                       | 3,703                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  | 08/08/2018                           |  | M                              | 868   | (4) (4)  | (4) (4)   | Common Stock                       | 868                        |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Else-Mitchell Rose  
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,  
125 HIGH STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

See remarks.

## Signatures

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

08/10/2018

\*\*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).

(1) 3,703 restricted stock units held by Ms. Else-Mitchell vested on August 8, 2018 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 1,257 shares of

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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) 868 restricted stock units held by Ms. Else-Mitchell vested on August 8, 2018 and were settled in exchange for a like amount of shares of the Company's common stock, subject to the Company's withholding of 294 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.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) The remaining restricted stock units shall vest in two equal installments on August 8, 2019 and August 8, 2020, subject to continued employment with the Company.

### **Remarks:**

Executive Vice President, Chief Learning Officer. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and General C

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