

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Lynch John J Jr

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)  
 05/09/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

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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 Number Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/09/2017		A		79,638		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	79,638
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/09/2017		A		38,610		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	38,610
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.95	05/09/2017		A		604,230		(3)	05/09/2024	Common Stock	604,230

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Lynch John J Jr  
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.  
125 HIGH STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

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).

(1) This grant of restricted stock units has a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of February 28, 2017), subject to continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company"). Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.

(2) This grant of restricted stock units has a vesting schedule of three equal installments (one on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date), generally subject to continued employment with the Company, except that such restricted stock units shall vest immediately in the event of termination without cause or resignation for good reason. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.

(3) This grant of employee stock options has a vesting schedule of four equal installments (one on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date), generally subject to continued employment with the Company, except that such employee stock options shall vest immediately in the event of termination without cause or resignation for good reason.

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**Remarks:**

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

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