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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Shuman Eric Lon

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

[HMHC]

(First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/31/2014

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) See remarks.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BOSTON, MA 02116

222 BERKELEY STREET

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

Code (Month/Day/Year)

3.

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

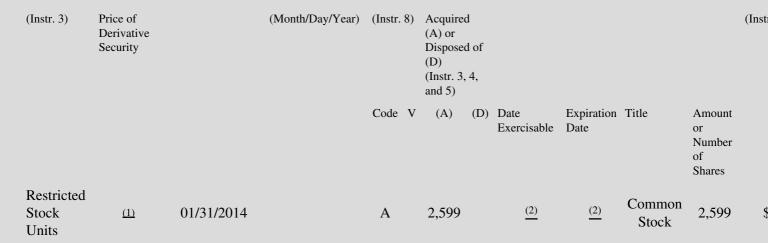
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shuman Eric Lon

222 BERKELEY STREET See remarks.

BOSTON, MA 02116

Signatures

/s/ Michael Dolan,

Attorney-in-Fact 02/03/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company") common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on January 31, 2015, January 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017, subject to Mr. Shuman's continued employment with the Company.

Remarks:

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Michael Dolan is the Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller of

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