

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Ramsayer Lee Raymond

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/01/2017

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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 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	03/01/2017		M	A	6,132	\$ 0 (1)	59,458 D
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F	D	3,028	\$ 11	56,430 D
Common Stock							390 I

By spouse through Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/01/2017		M	6,132	(3) (3)	Common Stock	6,132

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ramsayer Lee Raymond  
C/O HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT CO.,  
125 HIGH STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

See remarks.

## Signatures

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

03/03/2017

\*\*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) 6,132 restricted stock units held by Mr. Ramsayer vested on March 1, 2017 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 3,028 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.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.

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- (3) The remaining restricted stock units shall vest in two equal installments on March 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019, subject to continued employment with the Company.

### **Remarks:**

Executive Vice President, Global Sales and Field Marketing. William F. Bayers is the Executive Vice President, Secretary and

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