

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Â Colangelo Brook Mickey<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>222 BERKELEY STREET<br>(Street)<br><br>BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02116<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>11/13/2013 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>See Remarks | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br><br>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title      Amount or Number of Shares | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|

|   |       |            |                 |         |          |   |   |
|---|-------|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|---|---|
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 01/07/2020 | Common<br>Stock | 40,000  | \$ 12.5  | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 07/25/2020 | Common<br>Stock | 160,000 | \$ 13.48 | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| Colangelo Brook Mickey<br>222 BERKELEY STREET<br>BOSTON, MA 02116 | Â             | Â         | Â See Remarks | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Brook  
Colangelo

11/13/2013

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Mr. Colangelo's stock options vest in four equal installments on January 7, 2014, January 7, 2015, January 7, 2016 and January 7, 2017, subject to Mr. Colangelo's continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company").
- (2) Mr. Colangelo's stock options vest in four equal installments on July 25, 2014, July 25, 2015, July 25, 2016 and July 25, 2017, subject to Mr. Colangelo's continued employment with the Company.

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### Remarks:

Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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