Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co Form 4 February 03, 2014

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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 *

Gentel Gary Lee

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co

[HMHC]

(Last) (First)

222 BERKELEY STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2014

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

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

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

Execution Date, if Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

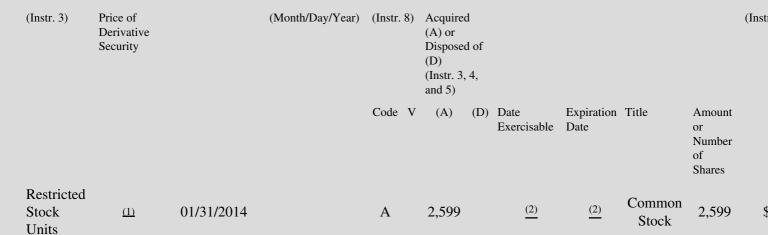
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deri Securities Security or Exercise any Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gentel Gary Lee

222 BERKELEY STREET See remarks.

Signatures

BOSTON, MA 02116

/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. Gentel's continued employment with the Company.

Remarks:

President, HMH Trade Publishing. Michael Dolan is the Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller of the Company.

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