

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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)**

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

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	06/22/2019	Common Stock	1,637,428	\$ 12.5	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Stock	11,628	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	20,000	\$ (3)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shuman Eric Lon 222 BERKELEY STREET BOSTON, MA 02116	Â	Â	Â See Remarks	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Eric L. Shuman 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) 25% of Mr. Shuman's stock options have vested and are currently exercisable. The remaining stock options vest in three equal installments on June 22, 2014, June 22, 2015 and June 22, 2016, subject to Mr. Shuman's continued employment with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company (the "Company").
  - (2) Mr. Shuman's restricted stock units vest on January 30, 2014, subject to Mr. Shuman's continued employment with the Company.
  - (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
  - (4) Mr. Shuman's restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on August 1, 2014, August 1, 2015 and August 1, 2016, subject to Mr. Shuman's continued employment with the Company.

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### Remarks:

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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