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X2 Yachting Pattaya Charter Fleet

After the launch of X2 (CrossTo) River Cruises on the Chao Phraya River, the international lifestyle brand has launched **X2 Yachting in Pattaya**. Based in Ocean Marina Yacht Club, it will offer a luxury day or an overnight cruise on board its 53-foot Grand Banks style, luxury motor cruiser "Shiraz". The boat promises a true classic yachting experience, with all the modern comforts. The boat with its air-conditioned cabins, accommodates up to 20 people on a day trip and has large undercover outdoor areas on the flybridge.

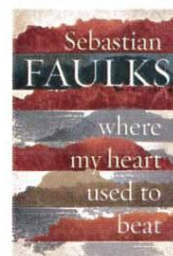
Says Anthony McDonald, CEO and Founder of X2 Lifestyle Group, "We saw a need for quality-luxury yachting experience in the gulf that is both affordable and genuine. There are many wonderful islands and bays within a short distance from Pattaya, almost unknown to most Thais. The boat was specifically redesigned to cater to comfort, stability with lots of sun cover. It allows guests to experience the true luxury of boating."

The boat will primarily be used for day cruises to nearby

islands, with half day cruises from Bt 45,000 inclusive of soft drinks and snacks for up to 20 people. Full day and overnight cruises to Koh Samet and Koh Kood are also offered for a group of six. **E**



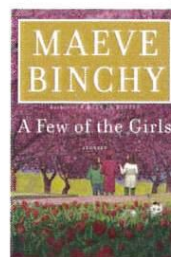
Where My Heart Used to Beat by Sebastian Faulks



Having accepted a strange invitation to a French island, psychiatrist Robert Hendricks meets the man who has commissioned him to write a biography. But his subject seems more interested in

finding out about Robert's past than he does in revealing his own. An intriguing read.

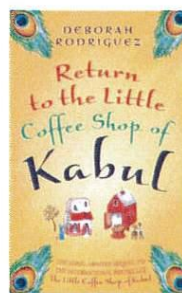
A Few of the Girls: Stories by Maeve Binchy



A new collection of stories previously unpublished by best-selling author Maeve Binchy. At the heart of all Maeve's fiction are the people and their relationships with each other.

This is a glorious collection of the very best of her writing, full of the warmth, charm, and humor.

Return to the Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez



The entertaining sequel to *The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul*, featuring the five women who united to protect the women in Afghanistan. Now back home in the US, Sunny, the founder,

is finding it difficult to settle and dreams of returning; Shea is haunted by a traumatic event that makes her renounce her Afghan heritage; Yazmina, the coffee shop's new owner, wants to help other women avoid the fate she narrowly escaped; Zara, promised in marriage to a violent man she's never met and Halajan, the grandmother still breaking all the rules, is secretly learning to drive. Brilliant. **E**

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