

Taschen has published two picture books that may lure the Christmas shopper. **Cinema Now** (£24.99/£22.49) collects mini-biographies and film stills from 60 of today's filmmakers. People will quibble with the selection (I certainly did), but the pictures are big, bold and striking and a DVD includes trailers and useful "making-of" documentaries. **Movies of the 20s** (£24.99/£22.29) has no DVD and many of the films lovingly detailed can't be had on DVD for love, money or anything else. But like the other books in this series, it is a masterpiece of picture research and attractive design, reviving a host of movies from an underexplored decade.



A night at the opera: Lon Chaney in the 1925 film of *The Phantom of the Opera* from *Movies of the 20s*