

# In the know...

All you need to see, read and buy this month

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## FILM *Changeling*

Los Angeles, 1928 – despite public protest, the LAPD conducts a reign of terror. Single mother Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie) falls victim to its corruption when, five months after her nine-year-old son vanishes, the police create a story of their own heroism by reuniting her with a boy they insist is her son – which he clearly is not. They brand her as a civil menace for contradicting them, but, with the help of a local dissident reverend (John Malkovich), she fights back. Based on true events, Christine's appalling treatment and unlikely heroism make for an agonisingly emotional yet inspiring film.

## Frump-free pinny

Available in pinstripe or polka dot, these tailored aprons have luxuriously wide strings which can be tied in a voluptuous bow that sits neatly on your bottom.

Cotton and velvet apron, from £38, Posh Pinnies. Call 01223 701851; poshpinnies.com



## Sounds amazing!

Amplifying music from iPod earphones using nothing more than an old-fashioned horn shape, this power-free ceramic device is both ingenious and stylish. It delivers up to 55 decibels, so won't be up to entertaining a raucous crowd, but will make an impression at a dinner party.



Ceramic Phonofone II, about £275, Charles & Marie. Visit [charlesandmarie.com](http://charlesandmarie.com)



Bed Of Roses soap, from £4, Heyland & Whittle. Call 01293 863606; [heylandandwhittle.co.uk](http://heylandandwhittle.co.uk)

## Heaven scent

Ten years after it first made soap at a kitchen table, Heyland & Whittle is going strong, hand-making soaps with a personal touch. Not only do they smell divine, but they look amazing – the rose soap adorned with buds is every bit as beautiful as a bouquet.

## BOOK *The Little Book* by Selden Edwards (Abacus, £11.99)

This may be a titular 'little' book, but it was 30 years in the writing, and certainly grapples with big ideas: history, time-travel, psychology... Our guide is Wheeler Burden – Harvard baseball star, philosopher and rock idol. He tumbles out of 1980s America and into *fin de siècle* Vienna, where his cohorts include Sigmund Freud and Mark Twain, a luminously lovely woman and a dangerous stranger who becomes his sworn enemy. Part love letter to Vienna, part mystery, the whole is an enormously satisfying adventure. →

