Timothee Chalamet and Hollywood heartthrobs through the ages

Over the decades, the actors who have become *heartthrobs* have had much to tell us about straight women's desires both sexual and romantic; the popularity of their personas has reflected how we have viewed *masculinity* at any particular time.

heartthrob　柔情；心跳　　　　　　　　masculinity　男子气

1990s:

Type: The Sensitive Pretty Boy

The Heartthrob: Leonardo DiCaprio

Though it seems *faintly* entertaining now to imagine the *debauched*, supermodel-dating DiCaprio as the sensitive, pretty-faced boy he once was, in the 90s he fit perfectly into the role. His contemporaries — Johnny Depp, River Phoenix, Brad Pitt, and the like — would share the same snake-hipped, boyish charms.

faintly　微弱地；模糊地　　　　　　　debauch　放荡；使堕落

But it was DiCaprio who landed at the top of the pile with his starring role as Jack Dawson in megahit Titanic (1997) and as the *titular* doomed lover in *cult* favourite Romeo & Juliet (1996). The two combined to make Leo the *tragic* romantic angel of the decade, feeding into a culture where movies, music, and literature were all more interested in deconstructing traditional manhood than they were in upholding it.

titular　有头衔的　　　　　　　　　　cult　狂热；宗教信仰

tragic　悲剧的；不幸的

2010s:

The Type: The Internet's Boyfriend

The Heartthrob: Timothée Chalamet

These days, with the help of memes and twitter fan accounts, stanning the heartthrob du jour (and they are always *du jour*) is easier and more popular than ever. The internet's boyfriend doesn't always have a particular look or type, but one thing he does seem to have is a *rabid* online fandom and a *propensity* for real-life charm to add to his overall reputation. It could be Keanu Reeves' *renowned* kindness, Chris Evans' *hatred* of Donald Trump and love of dogs, or Timothée Chalamet and his *nonplussed* 'who, me?' nervousness that sends their devotees wild, but there's something loveable about these guys that goes beyond their screen acting.

du jour　当日供应的

propensity　倾向；习性

hatred　憎恨；怨恨

rabid　激烈的；狂暴的

renowned　著名的；有声望的

nonplussed　困惑的