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After his critically-acclaimed performances in *This Boy's Life* (1993) and *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* (1993), Leonardo DiCaprio quickly gained a reputation for playing tormented young men in such films as *The Basketball Diaries* (1995), *Total Eclipse* (1995), and *William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet* (1996). His boyish good looks and sensitive, troubled persona made DiCaprio a favorite of young women. Starring in the romantic tragedy *Titanic* (1997), which grossed more money than any film ever had before, broadened DiCaprio's popularity even further.

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