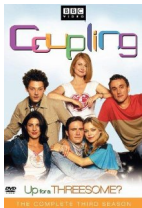


Coupling



Historically, whenever I've tuned in to the BBC it's been for something serious- a Jane Austin adaptation, documentary or special news program. I was surprised and delighted to discover *Coupling*, a half-hour sitcom centered around six thirty-something singles (three men and three women). Written and produced by Stephen Moffat and Susan Vertue, it widens the dating perspective of comedies like *Bridget Jones* to give both men and women a chance to laugh about why finding a match can be such a difficult process.

While tending to rely on stereotypes, it manages to remain fresh and funny with pithy dialog, playing with point-of-view and outrageous situations. My favorite episodes involve portraying the same event from several characters' perspectives. While I've always enjoyed British comedy a la *Monte Python* or *Fry and Laurie*, I've never experienced the sitcom side of things and *Coupling* was definitely a perfect first taste.

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