ITALIAN TRANSLATION OF "CREATIVE THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING & DECISION MAKING" BY THOMAS SAATY

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The fundamental premise of this book is that creativity can be taught and learned quite effectively; which might come as a surprise. It may also come as a surprise that intelligence (or the lack of it) does not restrict creativity. The book explores this second premise which has been validated in practice. In fact, creativity only requires enough intelligence to enable one to think a little and to collect one's ideas in a purposeful manner. One may not be very intelligent, yet be a creative genius. For example, Beethoven was an undeniable genius at music but a sad case at arithmetic.

This book is intended to be both challenging and entertaining. It is designed to help readers feel more comfortable with the topic, and more confident of their own creative abilities. It aims to inspire readers to try the presented exercises in creativity, and invites them to laugh, scowl and disagree, and most of all, to explore what may, at first seem like unfamiliar territory. Each of us possesses immense resources, and this book provides an opening to allow them to come forth.

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