



[2026 Inspiration: Forbes Review of Bankole Thompson's Fiery Conscience Book, A Primer on Bold Leadership](#)

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Forbes, the authoritative business magazine on finance, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship wrote a [review](#) of *Fiery Conscience*, a didactic book that documents the more than two decades of the bold journalistic leadership of Bankole Thompson including how he spoke truth to power on a range of important issues.

Thompson, who is the inspiration behind The PuLSE Institute, is the host of the podcast, *Bankole's Nation* and is a twice-a-week opinion columnist at *The Detroit News*. He is a member of the National Press Club of Washington D.C., where he co-hosted a [forum](#) that was broadcast live on C-SPAN with former White House spokesman Robert Weiner in 2024 on the balance of power in the U.S. Senate.

The review of the book published on April 2, 2024, the same day that *Forbes* released its annual list of the world's billionaires, underscores the role that Thompson, a nationally acclaimed journalist, cultural critic, and standard-bearer for economic justice issues, has played as a leader in championing issues of the underprivileged. Issues that are too often ignored in the mainstream media to the chagrin of communities that are in dire need of help.