A Vision of Battlements is a 1965 novel by Anthony Burgess based on his experiences during World War II in Gibraltar, where he was serving with the British army. It is Burgess's first novel.[1] While not published until 1965, Burgess wrote it in 1949. As he explains, "I was empty of music but itching to create. So I wrote this novel...to see if I could clear my head of the dead weight of Gibraltar."[2]

**PLOT**

The story draws from Burgess's experience of being stationed in Gibraltar during World War II and satirizes traditional notions of battle heroism by parodying the Aeneid with antihero Richard Ennis taking the place of Aeneas.[3][4]

The title, in addition to its Gibraltarian associations, contains a reference to the appearance of certain objects in the eye of one who suffers from astigmatism.

**Works of Anthony Burgess**
### Novels

- The Malayan Trilogy
- Time for a Tiger
- The Enemy in the Blanket
- Beds in the East
- The Right to an Answer
- The Doctor is Sick
- The Worm and the Ring
- Devil of a State
- One Hand Clapping
- A Clockwork Orange
- The Wanting Seed
- Honey for the Bears
- Inside Mr. Enderby
- The Eve of St. Venus
- Nothing Like the Sun
- **A Vision of Battlements**
  - Tremor of Intent
  - Enderby Outside
  - M/F
  - Napoleon Symphony
  - The Clockwork Testament
  - Beard's Roman Women
  - Abba Abba
  - 1985
  - Man of Nazareth
  - Earthly Powers
  - The End of the World News
  - Enderby's Dark Lady
  - The Kingdom of the Wicked
  - The Pianoplayers
  - Any Old Iron
  - Mozart and the Wolf Gang
  - A Dead Man in Deptford
  - Byrne

### Short story collections

- The Devil's Mode

### Poetry

- Moses: A Narrative
- Revolutionary Sonnets

### Essays

- An Essay on Censorship
- Homage to Qwert Yuiop
- One Man's Chorus

### Critical works

- Shakespeare
- Joysprick
- Ninety-Nine Novels
- A Mouthful of Air
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