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Task: Delete your book

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Oops! The person that checked out your book accidentally lost it... you will need to delete it from the library database.

The API documentation shows how we can delete books with the `DELETE /books/:id` path

Make a new request

The `DELETE` request has a similar format to the `PATCH` request, so let's copy the `PATCH` request to make our new request.

1. Hover on your **Postman Library API v2** collection, click the three dots, and select **"Add request"**, name your new request **"delete a book"**

2. Set the request method of the "delete a book" request to `DELETE`

3. Set the request URL to `{{baseUr1}}/books/:id`

4. In the **Params** tab of the request, make sure the path variable id is set to `{{id}}`

5. **Save and Send** your request

You should get a `204 No Content` response from the API. This means the server successfully deleted the book, and won't send any response body back. *Remember: if you ever wonder what a status code means, you can hover on it in Postman for an explanation!*

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Without changing anything, try sending your request again.

Since you are sending a request to delete a book with an id that no longer exists, you get a `404` error!

A screenshot of the Postman interface showing a REST client request. The request is a DELETE method to the URL {{baseUr1}}/books/:id. The Params tab is active, showing a path variable 'id' with the value '{{id}}'. The response is a 404 Not Found status, with a message: "message": "Book with id 'f04ed19a-ff31-4777-805d-1d4cc5878d00' not found". The response is displayed in the 'Pretty' format. The status bar at the top shows '404 Not Found', '218 ms', and '486 B'.